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Reunion On California Street

One afternoon in 1953 I was walking down California Street in the financial district of San Francisco when I spotted him. He was Sidney Henes. We had roomed together at Washington College 15 years earlier, first in Middle Hall and then, in our senior year, on the third floor of West ("Rat") Hall. We had become good friends in spite of the fact that my comings and goings during all hours of the night in connection with my work as editor of *The Elm* had seriously interfered with his studies in pursuit of a near perfect grade average. He had written in my 1938 *Pegasus*, "Let's not allow graduation to keep us apart. Let's make commencement a real beginning instead of an end to our friendship."

We had last seen each other in 1939, a year after our graduation. He was teaching, engaged in a profession for which he was admirably qualified by his studies at the College. I was beginning to develop an interest in social work as a result of my experience in a job with the Baltimore City Department of Public Welfare.

Sidney continued teaching and I left the area to get my master's degree in social work. When we met on California Street we compared notes. We had both served in the army in World War II. Sidney had not returned to teaching but was with the U.S. Civil Service Commission working in its San Francisco office. The office of the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults for which I worked was a few blocks from his. We lived about 30 miles apart on the San Francisco Peninsula.

Our reunion on California Street was the beginning of a close warm friendship that has lasted more than 40 years. With our wives we visited each other's homes, acquired mutual friends, enjoyed the vast cultural and educational attractions of the San Francisco area, partook of some of the world's finest cuisine, became experts on California wines and wineries, enjoyed the incomparable beauty of northern California and, altogether, lived the good life.

But there's more to the story: In June 1964 Sidney began having problems with locomotion and, within six months, he lost 40 pounds. The doctors determined that he had a rare form of primary ALS — Amiotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Lou Gehrig's Disease. He could look forward to rapid muscular and neurological degeneration and a life expectancy of about two years!

The degeneration happened, but the doctors had not factored in Sidney's love of life. In spite of his speech handicap he is a stimulating conversationalist. He keeps abreast of current events. He has an extensive library to which he continually adds bestselling books on subjects such as biography, politics and philosophy. He has a prize collection of recorded classical music.

Sidney is a prolific writer. His first love is poetry. He has written many poems and has had some published in locally produced books. He writes a monthly column for his church's newsletter, another for the newsletter of the Veterans Medical Center and a third one for the house organ of the facility in which he lives. His writings are creative and convey the optimism, the faith, the appreciation and the contentment that are so characteristic of him.

When he is asked, as he often is, how he can write in such an upbeat manner, Sidney replies, "I may not be able to walk, but I don't need to be unhappy too. Once I knew the power of a positive attitude, acceptance was easy. As Nietzsche put it, 'He who has a why to live can bear any how.' I was alive. I was a survivor. I could, and did, discover many whys to live and endure."

I worked professionally for 30 years in programs for persons who have physical and mental handicaps, but it is my friend Sidney who has taught me the most about disability and rehabilitation.

When I think of the benefits I derived from Washington College, I consider the friendships I made there to be most valuable, and none is more satisfying than my friendship with Sidney.

—Luther "Luke" Bergdall '38

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The 1995-96 Annual Report, including the Report of Gifts, will be published under separate cover and should arrive in your mailbox later this fall. For more information contact: Martin Williams, Vice President for Development and Alumni Affairs at Washington College.

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THE REPORTER

Class of 1996 Sets Sights On Future As World Citizens

PHOTO: GIBSON ANTHONY

Ed Athey '47 hoods Motorola executive Robert Galvin as President Toll looks on.

Two hundred seniors — some wistful, some ebullient — became Washington College graduates on a hot and sunny Sunday morning in May as parents and friends proudly looked on. Spectators spilled out from under shade trees for a glimpse of their grad being handed a beribboned diploma.

Among the graduates were two Project Excellence scholars, several campus government leaders, the senior members of the men's varsity lacrosse team headed for the NCAA Division III championship, and a large contingency of international students, including seven from Sri Lanka. The Class of 1996, which had ushered in an era of true diversity on campus, made its mark as a group of talented and spirited students who got involved and gave back to the community. President Toll credited the class for accepting the challenge posed by Betty Brown Casey '47, a College trustee emeritus, in initiating Casey Time, an annual campus clean-up project, and for saving the traditional Birthday Ball.

Mark Reyero, senior class president, reminded his classmates of their responsibilities as citizens of the world.

"This diploma is much more than a piece of paper recognizing our accomplishments at Washington College. It symbolizes a certain duty and responsibility *we* now have to use the tools of our liberal arts education to make a difference. The media and others have labeled us Generation X, the MTV generation, the lazy generation. Let us go forth and prove them all wrong. When you leave Chestertown and move on to your new home, get *involved*. Volunteer for the United Way, become a Scout Master or Little League coach, run for the local school board or, even for President of the United States. It doesn't matter. What matters is that each of us becomes involved."

Honorary degrees were bestowed upon Robert W. Galvin, Chairman of the Executive Committee of Motorola, and Carl T. Rowan, a national journalist and founder of Project Excellence, a program that inspires young people to achieve. The Alumni Citation for Excellence went to David E. Litrenta '58, regional medical director of Concentra Medical Center/York.

Galvin, receiving the honorary Doctor of Science degree, was lauded as "an ideal model of a responsible corporate and technological leader" who understands that the future of America's industry and society depends on today's scientific research. Under his leadership Motorola became a world leader in electronics, building a global reputation as a company where quality is paramount.

"Within his company he established Motorola University and expanded research when others were cutting back," remarked President John S. Toll. "Robert Galvin became a principal adviser of government and has given generously of his time to guide national laboratories, the National Science Foundation and major science projects." Galvin spoke briefly about the intellectual freedom enjoyed by Americans and the power of new ideas.

Carl Rowan, receiving the honorary Doctor of Letters degree, was hailed as

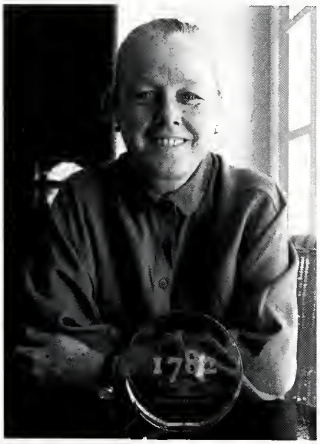
"an inspiring and principled writer and a chronicler of our nation's unfolding history who has made significant contributions to the education of our nation's young people." A successful journalist, political commentator, an "Inside Washington" panelist, and author, Rowan established Project Excellence as a means to give young people the tools and opportunity they need to build self-esteem, to go to college, and to excel in their chosen fields.

David E. Litrenta was recognized with the Alumni Citation for Excellence for his work in the field of medicine and his efforts to keep Washington College in the forefront of the sciences. A member of Washington College's Visiting Committee since 1990 and active with the Friends of the Sciences, he donated the entire cost of refurbishing and renovating the lecture hall in Dunning, complete with computer-generated multimedia technology that brings a new dimension to teaching.

WC Recognizes Outstanding Seniors

Several outstanding seniors were recognized with prizes and awards at Commencement.

Amanda Kirby, a history major preparing for a teaching career, was awarded Washington College's highest scholastic honor. Graduating first in her class, she won the George Washington Medal and Award, given to the senior who shows the greatest promise of understanding and realizing in life and work the ideals of a liberal education. A member of the Omicron Delta Kappa and Phi Alpha Theta honor societies, she also was awarded the Arthur A. Knapp '39 Prize in History and the Karen Kaitz Emerick Award for volunteer service. She is teaching at Old Mill High School in Glen Burnie, MD.



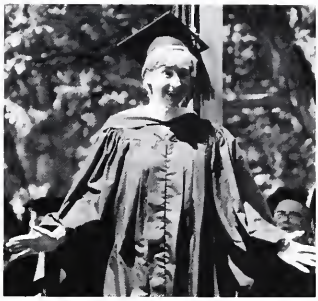
Poet Jennifer Waldych won the Sophie Kerr Prize, worth $26,725 this year, for demonstrating "the greatest promise for future fulfillment in the field of literary endeavor." Waldych, who graduated *magna cum laude* with departmental honors in English, won the Prize with her collection of poems entitled "I Am Home." Waldych is working at Shandwick Baltimore, a public relations firm.

Elizabeth Likens, a business management major and a Student Government Association executive officer involved in the revitalization of the Birthday Ball, was awarded the Clark-Porter Medal, given to the student whose character and personal integrity have most clearly enhanced the quality of campus life. Likens is employed with the Treasury Management Association in Bethesda, MD.

Matthew Distler, a premed biology major, was awarded the Henry W. C. Catlin 1894 Medal, given to a senior man outstanding in scholarship, character, leadership, and campus citizenship. Distler, a varsity lacrosse player, also earned the Alfred Reddish Award and one of two Gold Pentagon Awards from the Omicron Delta Kappa Society, in recognition of meritorious service to Washington College. He is pursuing a doctoral degree in veterinary medicine at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg.

Joyce Huber Cafritz Honored

Joyce Huber Cafritz, Chairman of The 1782 Society for the past four years, was presented with the giving club's Stewardship Award in recognition of her leadership in raising additional scholarship funds. In making the presentation during The 1782 Society post-Commencement luncheon, President John Toll said the need for scholarship assistance is greater than ever. This year The 1782 Society is helping 65 students afford Washington College.



Poet Jennifer Waldych is surprised and jubilant as she collects this year's Sophie Kerr Prize, a check in the amount of $26,725.

Jill Schultz, a sociology major, and Jodie Clark, an English major, both received the Eugene B. Casey Medal, given in recognition of scholarship, character, leadership, and campus citizenship. Schultz also received the Sociology Department Award, the Doris T. Bell '50 Award for athletic achievement, and the Senior Athletic Award. She is studying law at Washington and Lee University. In addition to the Casey Medal, Clark was awarded the Emil J. C. Hildenbrand Memorial Medal for high scholastic achievement in English, the Writers Union Award, and the Alpha Chi Omega Music Award. She is teaching English at the University of Paris.

Scott Steinmuller, an English major, received the Louis L. Goldstein '35 Award in recognition of his unusual interest, enthusiasm and potential in the field of public affairs. Steinmuller, a member of the men's swim team, completed the education block in preparation for a teaching career.

Tod Hall, a biology and Spanish major, was awarded the Jane Huston Goodfellow Memorial Prize. This prize is awarded to a student of the sciences who has an abiding appreciation of the arts and humanities and who has shown scholastic excellence. Hall, who interned at Horn Point Environmental Center, helped establish a local chapter of Beta Beta Beta, the national honor society in biology. A member of Omicron Delta Kappa and Sigma Delta Pi, the national Spanish honor society, Hall earned departmental honors in Spanish. He spent his summer working with the National Audubon Society in the Everglades.

College Installs New Board Members

Several business and education leaders recently joined the College's Board of Visitors and Governors, filling posts vacated by outgoing trustees John A. Conkling '65, Robert Duemling, John D. Hall '70, Christian Havemeyer, and Michael Macielag '73.

Newly appointed to the Board are Douglas Becker, President of Sylvan Learning Systems, Inc., Libby Anderson Cater, former First Lady of Washington College, and Charles Lewis Lea, Jr., a senior adviser of Dillon Read & Company in New York and Governor of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. George L. Buckless '69, an insurance executive, and Bonnie Abrams Travieso '66, an attorney, were elected as alumni representatives. Dale Patterson Adams '65 was reappointed to another six-year term.

Douglas Becker is president of the nation's leading provider of after-school instruction in math and reading for children in grades kindergarten through eight. Becker has expanded his company beyond franchised learning centers to include contracted tutoring services for disadvantaged public school districts and computerized testing services for graduate and professional school entrance exams. A graduate of Gilman School in Baltimore, he serves as trustee of the Baltimore Museum of Art, the Enoch Pratt Free Library and Baltimore Reads.

Libby Cater, widow of former Washington College President Douglass Cater, has held several influential posts in the nation's capital and beyond. In the mid-1960s, she was staff assistant to the President of the Conservation Foundation and was General Chairman of the United Performing Arts of Washington, when for the first time several organizations joined forces in a drive for community support of the arts. While her husband served as Special Assistant to President Lyndon B. Johnson, Mrs. Cater worked with Lady Bird Johnson on her many efforts in beautification, conservation, and education. She later served as Special Assistant to the President of the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies, and as Special Assistant to Lynda Johnson Robb, Chair of the President's Advisory Committee for Women. From 1982 to 1990, she served as First Lady of Washington College and as special consultant to the Chairman of the Board. Washington College awarded her an honorary degree for public service in 1990.

Libby Anderson Cater

Douglas Becker

Charles Lea

Charles Lea is one of the founders of the modern venture capital business. A graduate of St. Paul's School in Baltimore and Cornell University, Lea began his career in finance and investment as an assistant to the President of Bessemer Securities in New York in 1953. He later was a partner with F.S. Smithers & Company, and then was managing director for several years of New Court Securities, the primary investment vehicle for the Rothschilds in the United States. He joined Dillon Read in 1981. Among his accomplishments was the transformation, through the venture capital process, of Federal Express from a fledgling company to a successful publicly-held corporation.

George Buckless earned his degree in economics and entered the life insurance business with Lincoln National soon after graduation. In 1972, he helped establish Breskow, Buckless & Associates, specializing in all forms of business and personal insurance and financial planning. He joined the Abramowitz/Morgan Agency as Director of Advance Underwriting in 1981, and in March 1984 he was named President of Morgan Financial Group. He was appointed chief executive officer in July 1995.

Bonnie Travieso is a partner in the Baltimore law firm of Gallagher, Evelius & Jones. She concentrates her practice in estate planning, estate and trust administration, individual tax planning, charitable giving, and adoption law. She began her law career as a

Bonnie Abrams Travieso '66

George L. Buckless '69

clerk to the Hon. Thomas Hunter Lowe '52 and later worked as an assistant attorney general, in both the civil and criminal divisions. She is a member of several professional and civic organizations, including the National Committee on Planned Giving and the Women's Financial Network.

Washington Scholars Program Nets Record Enrollment

One hundred sixty of the freshmen who enrolled this fall at Washington College found that their membership in the National Honor Society paid off handsomely. In the inaugural year of the Washington Scholars program, they are receiving $40,000 merit awards, payable over their four years of study here. These bright students and their families are saving more than $6.5 million in college costs.

That's good news for Washington College, too. In the wake of an aggressive recruiting season that targeted National Honor Society members with offers of as much as $10,000 a year, the Admissions Office received a record number of applications and a record number of deposits. By early summer, 1,537 freshman applications had been submitted — an increase over last year of 51% — and 330 accepted applicants had committed to matriculation — an increase over last year of 25%. Of those, 160 — nearly 50% — were National Honor Society members.

"These students are exactly the kind of students who thrive at Washington College," says John S. Toll, President of Washington College. "They are smart, intellectually curious, and involved in everything from sports and student government to music and drama productions, community outreach, and special-interest clubs. Their scholarly abilities, examples of leadership and extracurricular involvement will contribute significantly to the quality of campus life."

Washington College's NHS Scholars posted impressive academic statistics and a remarkable array of personal accomplishments in leadership and service-oriented activities, notes Kevin Coveney, vice president for admissions and enrollment management. The most popular fields of study among the NHS freshmen were biology & premed, English & creative writing, psychology, political science, and international studies.

In addition to an influx of National Honor Society members, he says, the College saw an increase in applications from international citizens, minority students, and students interested in the new environmental studies major.

In a delightful quandary that tested their creativity, College officials scrambled over the summer months to find residential space for its largest freshman class ever. With approximately 330 freshmen and 30 transfer students, the entering class this fall is the largest in the 214-year history of the school. The Class of 2000 brings total fulltime undergraduate enrollment to nearly 1,000.

"We're pleased that we are on target for gradually increasing fulltime undergraduate enrollment to 1,100 to 1,150 students," says Maureen McIntire, vice president for student affairs, "but in the short term we have to house 50 more students than were housed last year, when residence hall space was at capacity."

For additional quarters, the College purchased a property on Washington Avenue, where four students will be housed. The guest rooms of the Alumni House, the upstairs bedrooms of Brown Cottage, and Pennington Cottage each will accommodate four students. The College also restructured the ground level of Minta Martin Hall for living space, reclaimed the sick room in Caroline, and converted lounge areas in Caroline and Queen Anne's into dorm rooms. Some doubles rooms were converted into triples.

"We're hoping to ease the housing crunch by next fall with the construction of an additional residence hall," says McIntire. "Our proposal to the Board of Visitors and Governors is to build one residence hall next summer, a second the following summer, and then replace the Cardinal Dorms, which are modular units with an anticipated lifespan of ten years. The cumulative effect will be an additional 250 beds."

To be considered for one of the 150+ NHS Scholarships to be awarded in 1997, students must file an application for admission to Washington College on or before February 15, 1997.

To receive scholarship and admission information, contact: Kevin Coveney, Vice President for Admissions, Washington College, 300 Washington Avenue, Chestertown, MD, 21620 or call 800-422-1782, ext. 7700.

Four Shoremen Are All-Americans; Haus Is Coach of the Year

In the wake of a stellar lacrosse season that brought the Shoremen "this close" to a national championship, four players from the Washington College NCAA finalist men's lacrosse team have been named to the Division III All-America Team and second-year head coach John Haus was honored as the Division's Coach of the Year after leading the Shoremen to a 13-5 record and the 1996 NCAA Championship game.

Senior attacker Bart Jaeger (Crofton, MD/St. Mary's) and junior midfielder George Atterbury (Newtown Square, PA/Malvern) both earned First Team honors for the Shoremen, who upset undefeated and top-ranked Salisbury State, 11-10 in the NCAA semifinals before falling 12-11 in overtime to Nazareth in the championship game on May 26 at the University of Maryland, College Park. Jaeger posted 36 goals and 15 assists this season and compiled 127 goals and 30 assists in his stellar career as a Shoreman. Atterbury scored 26 goals and handed out 10 assists from the midfield this season, and notched three goals in the

John Haus

NCAA final, including the tying goal with 3:52 remaining to send the game into overtime.

Sophomore goalkeeper Andy Taibl (Fairfax, VA/Robinson Secondary) capped an impressive season by earning a spot on the second team. A two-year starter for the Shoremen, Taibl chalked up 215 saves this season, posting a save percentage of .604 and a goals against average of 8.6. Taibl came on particularly strong in post-season play with two career-high 20-save games, the first in Washington's 12-10 quarterfinal victory over undefeated Middlebury and then again in the semifinal win over Salisbury State.

Sophomore defender Chris McGlone (Baltimore, MD/Loyola) rounds out the Maroon and Black All-America picks with third team honors. Displaying combined size and skill that was critical to the Shoremen close defense, McGlone snatched 52 ground balls this season to bring his two-year total to 94 ground balls.

In just his second year as a head coach, John Haus, was honored by his peers as the 1996 USILA Division III Coach of the Year. A former All-America defenseman at the University of North Carolina, Haus came to Chestertown in 1994 after seven years as an assistant at Johns Hopkins. After a 6-8 record in his first season, Haus put the traditionally powerful Shoremen back on the lacrosse map this year, leading them to a 13-5 overall record, an upset of top-ranked and defending NCAA champion Salisbury, and their first appearance in the NCAA Championship game since 1990.

Eastern Shore Woman Endows Scholarship Fund

Washington College recently received $800,000 from the estate of an Eastern Shore historian and newspaperwoman whose father was a College trustee.

M. Virginia Webb, a newspaperwoman and a founder of the Dorchester County (MD) Public Library, left Washington College a portion of her estate to establish the P. Watson Webb Scholarship Fund in memory of her father. Mr. Webb was editor and publisher for 30 years of the Daily Banner in Cambridge, Maryland. Influential in Maryland politics, he served on Washington College's Board of Visitors and Governors from 1932 until 1944.

Virginia Webb, a graduate of Hollins College in Virginia, was a history buff, a writer and a voracious reader. She contributed a chapter on Dorchester County to a history text compiled by Charles B. Clark '34.

The gift to the College's endowment totals more than three-quarters of a million dollars. Earnings from the endowed fund will provide scholarships to academically qualified students, with preference given to those from Dorchester County.

In Memoriam
HAZEL ANN FOX
1892 - 1995

Hazel Ann Fox of Baltimore, Maryland, a patron of the arts and a philanthropist whose generosity touched Washington College as well as the Baltimore Museum of Art, the Maryland Institute College of Art, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, and Johns Hopkins Hospital, died on Christmas Day, 1995 at her Ruxton, MD, home. She was 103.

Ms. Fox, the aunt of Washington College Trustee Alonzo G. Decker, Jr., was active until a year before her death, attending concerts and lectures and the theater. She sang for more than 30 years in the choir of Franklin Street Presbyterian Church and enjoyed dancing throughout her lifetime. In the 1940s, she learned the rumba at Arthur Murray Studios, where she subsequently won many trophies in competitive dancing.

Her philanthropy benefited several institutions. On behalf of the Maryland Institute, she and Mr. Decker were benefactors of the 1979 renovation of the old Cannon Shoe Co. headquarters on Mount Royal Avenue into studios, classrooms and offices. The building was renamed the Fox Building in honor of Charles Fox, her father, a 1885 graduate of the institute's architectural program. She also established an endowed scholarship fund there.

In 1982, she was elected an honorary trustee of the Baltimore Museum of Art, a position she held until her death. The Fox Court, where major events are held, was named for her in recognition of her generosity to the museum.

At Washington College, she established an endowed scholarship fund in her name to benefit students from the Baltimore area. She also created a substantial annuity trust for the school's benefit.

In addition to her nephew, she is survived by two nieces and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

WC Welcomes New Faculty, Announces Promotions

When classes began in late August, the Washington College community welcomed eight new full-time professors teaching anthropology, art, biochemistry, business management, economics, French, German, and history.

Dr. Nancy Schwartz is visiting assistant professor of anthropology. She holds a bachelor's degree from Smith College and master's and doctoral degrees from Princeton.

Susan H. Libby joins the art department as an instructor in art history. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Maryland.

As the College launches its environmental studies major, Dr. Mark J. Hubley joins the faculty as assistant professor of biology for a three-year position in biochemistry. He holds a bachelor of science degree from Wake Forest University and a doctoral degree from Florida State University.

Diane L. Wright is assistant professor of business management. She earned a bachelor of science degree from University of Delaware, an MBA from the College of William and Mary, and a master's degree from the University of Delaware.

Dr. Lisa Daniels is visiting assistant professor of economics. She holds a bachelor's degree from West Chester University, a master's degree from

PHOTO: GIBSON ANTHONY

Baseball Fans and Friends Salute Coach Athey

Cal Ripkin will have to put in a few more games to measure up to Coach Ed Athey's 35 years on the baseball diamond sidelines at Washington College. The Washington College community paid tribute to the former Director of Athletics and legendary coach last spring, before a doubleheader with Centennial Conference rival Gettysburg College, by naming the baseball field after him. From left on Athey Field, College President John S. Toll, Sho'men Club President Charles Waesche '53, and Director of Athletics Bryan Matthews '75 (far right) congratulate Coach Athey.

University of Wisconsin, and a doctoral degree from Michigan State University.

Dr. Valerie Loichot is assistant professor of French. She was educated at University of Besancon in France and recently earned her Ph.D at Lousiana State University.

Dr. Klaus Plonien, who studied at University of Bonn, Germany and earned his Ph.D., from the University of Minnesota, is Visiting Assistant Professor of German. He is joined in the department by Dr. Elsa C. Müller, a part-time lecturer in German. She holds doctoral degrees from Humboldt University in Berlin and the University of Maryland.

Dr. Thomas C. Black is assistant professor of history. He holds a bachelor's degree from Denison College and master's and doctoral degrees from Indiana University.

In other faculty news, the Board of Visitors and Governors awarded continuous tenure to Dr. Michael Kerchner, assistant professor of psychology, Dr. Kevin McKillop, assistant professor of psychology, and Dr. Carol Wilson, assistant professor of history. Dr. Amzie Parcell was promoted to the rank of professor of music and Dr. Tahir Shad was promoted to the rank of associate professor of political science and international studies.

Odyssey of the Mind Team Places Fifth in World Competition

A group of Washington College students took the "worlds" by storm. The College's first Odyssey of the Mind team placed second in spontaneous problem-solving and fifth overall in the world competition held in Ames, Iowa at the end of May.

Odyssey of the Mind (OM) is an educational enrichment program that encourages creative problem-solving and teamwork. While OM structures competitions for four divisions of students in grades one through the college level, people are most familiar with grade school and high school participation. Last year, three Washington College students volunteered as coaches for OM teams at Chestertown Middle School.

Madhu Sidhu, OM Coach, parent of a middle schooler and wife of Dr. Satinder Sidhu, a physics professor at Washington College, encouraged the college students to put together their own OM team. Sophomores Ed Geisweidt, Bill Brady, Jennifer Mitchell and Heather Beauchamp and freshmen Corina Kopp and Heather Brady, all of whom had at least two years of prior OM experience, did just that.

OM team members, from left to right: Corina Kopp, Heather Beauchamp, Bill Brady, Jenn Mitchell, Ed Geisweidt and Heather Brady.

"It's a great way to meet people and make new friends," says Geisweidt, "because we ended up spending a lot of time together working on our long-term problem in the classics category. The theme was Great Impressions. We had to select a poem from a specified list and then select a French impressionist painting. We chose Edgar Allan Poe's *Eldorado* and Monet's *Water Lilies*. We were asked to paint a reproduction of the original Monet painting and write a poem about it. Then we took Poe's poem and painted a picture that was representative of *Eldorado*. It was an interesting exercise, especially since none of us has had an art class."

Washington College's "dream team" included majors in physics, chemistry, English, political science, and psychology, but not art. They did benefit from some instruction courtesy of Sihn Ja An, a local artist, Geisweidt added. The wife of Dr. Tai Sung An, a professor of political science at Washington College, Sue An gave the team members some ideas about colors and materials and then set them loose with canvas and acrylics.

The team scored 90 points, two fewer than the winning team from North Carolina State University, which also took first place in the Great Impressions competition. Washington College placed fifth, ahead of Austin Peay State University (TN); University of Missouri, Columbia; California State University, Fresno; Cornell University; and Olympic College (WA).

The students plan a rematch when OM college competitors gather for 1997 world finals next spring at the University of Maryland College Park.

Two WC Athletes Are All-American Scholars

Two Washington College athletes — tennis star Damian Polla and lacrosse standout Jill Schultz — have been named Academic All-Americans. They were among 20 student athletes, 10 men and 10 women, selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America for the GTE College Division District II Academic All-American team.

College Division District II includes all NCAA Division II and III and NAIA Division II schools in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

To be nominated to the Academic All-American Team, a student-athlete must be at least a sophomore with a 3.2 grade point average and a starter or significant reserve on his or her team.

Damian Polla, a senior this fall, won the 1995 NCAA Division III singles

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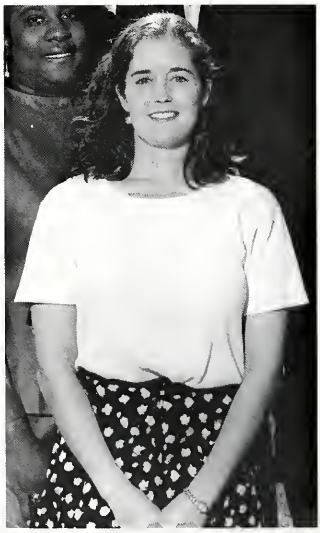
Damian Polla '98



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Jill Schultz '96

Sho'men Take Championship To The Brink

by H. Hurtt Deringer '59

The glory of Washington College lacrosse as the underdog has been played out many times.

From the days of coaches Charlie Clark and Don Kelly to those of Bryan Matthews and Terry Corcoran, the Shoremen earned the reputation of giant killer. The sweet memories of victory over national powers Johns Hopkins, Navy and Virginia live forever.

No one saw Washington College in 1996 as a threat to Salisbury State University and Nazareth College in NCAA Division III lacrosse, except, maybe, John Haus. When the season was over and the hullabaloo had died, there stood John Haus, United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association Division III Coach of the Year.

In only his second campaign, the Baltimore native added a rich chapter to the Shore stick legacy. Standing 2-3 after losing to Denison at McDonogh School on March 17, his charges whipped off six straight victories, including crucial wins over Franklin & Marshall, 9-8, and Gettysburg, 14-7.

A midseason stumble before defending division champion Salisbury, 23-11, in Chestertown on April 20, only caused Haus to accelerate his resolve. He rebuilt his team into a formidable force for the stretch drive and reeled off five consecutive triumphs.

Finishing the regular season 11-4 and gaining the NCAA Division III championship tournament, Washington College drew undefeated Middlebury (13-0) in the quarter-finals. On a cold, snowy day in Vermont, the Shoremen gained a stellar performance from a red hot goaltender, Andy Taibl. WC scored first on Marc Taylorson's goal, never trailed and out-hustled Middlebury for a 12-10 victory, despite being out-shot 58-35. Taibl left the field with 21 saves and a performance that will be long remembered.

Unbeaten Salisbury State Univer-

sity came next in the semifinal round. Haus, admitting he had accepted a "let's just play, no changes and new wrinkles" attitude in the first game with the Sea Gulls, planned well for the second meeting. Concentrating on ball control and the quality shot, relying on a 6-on-6 game on each end of the field and playing 90 percent zone defense, Washington College threw a big new wrinkle. Salisbury never adjusted. Washington came home with an 11-10 upset victory. Taibl again came up big with 20 saves, nine in the final period. The game stayed close, 2-2 after one period, 3-3 at halftime. Salisbury led 7-6 entering the fourth, but consecutive goals from Michael Wilson, John Fuller and Bart Jaeger gave Washington College a lead it did not relinquish.

The championship game moved to Byrd Stadium, University of Maryland, College Park on May 26 before a crowd of 18,468, the largest to see an NCAA Division III title game.

Washington College welcomed George Atterbury back from a cracked rib injury and the junior midfielder sparkled. Nazareth, a big, strong undefeated squad packed with upstate New Yorkers, scored first and never trailed. Washington stayed focused, played hard without let-up, and tied the contest five times, coming twice from three goal deficits in the second half.

Time ran out in regulation with Washington College pressing the goal with the score deadlocked at 10-10.

Washington College fans who were at Byrd Stadium that day will live and relive the opening faceoff in sudden-death. Marc Taylorson, who had won eight of 16, appeared to have won this one. He appeared to have won this one, but ended up on the ground, while his opponent Terry Goetz went in for a give-and-go winning goal for Nazareth. Only 14 seconds had elapsed on the scoreboard clock.

Such are the breaks in a fast, goal-to-goal game like lacrosse, where judgment calls by officials are paramount.

Haus and athletic director Bryan Matthews accepted the defeat like gentlemen. By creating a competitive situation in practice for 43 players, Haus had brought a team of 22 freshmen along brilliantly. Clint Evans had once again performed a masterful job in fashioning Taibl into a second team All-American. Todd Cavallaro had created an imaginative offense. Coaches Bart Governanti and Rusty Pritzlaff had imparted skills to a young squad.

All-American George Atterbury

"My philosophy is start from the goal and work out," said Haus. He had in Taibl found a goaltender with poise and confidence, the kind of leader you need to step forward to win. Taibl earned second team All-American honors behind Nazareth's brilliant Ben Wineburg.

In senior attackman Bart Jaeger, son of All-American Bruce Jaeger '66, and in George Atterbury he had discovered two steady leaders. Both were recognized as First Team All-Americans at season's end. Jaeger, a standout throughout the season, closed his career with 127 goals and 49 assists on 36 goals and 15 assists. Atterbury, who Haus felt was the best player on the field against Nazareth, closed with 26 goals and 10 assists. Earning third team honors was sophomore defense-man Chris McGlone, who scooped up 52 ground balls on a unit that improved with each game.

Not to be overlooked were attackmen John Fuller, a freshman and a deadly finisher with a team high 41 goals, and Michael Wilson, a quick lefthander with plenty of heart who scored 25 goals and dished out 26 assists.

Along with Atterbury, Washington gained great midfield play from Justin McCarthy, Marc Taylorson, J. D. Radebaugh, Jamie Pollack, Andy Van Ogtrop, Andy Neville, Jeremy Stoehr and Chris Bieberbach, and Matt Swift before he was injured. McCarthy was a quick and artful dodger in inverted situations. Taylorson became an incredible faceoff man and tough on defense. Radebaugh, Pollack, Van Ogtrop and Neville produced 42 goals. Stoehr, probably the fastest man of the field, became a great take away player at long stick. Big and quick Chris Bieberbach played brilliantly at short stick.

The close defense of McGlone, Kevin Harms and Scott McGilvray became a fundamentally sound unit. Hard working Kevin Harms provided senior leadership. McGilvray, a freshman, improved steadily.

Jamison Miller, Chris Smith and Todd Harrison also contributed greatly to the teams success, along with co-captain T. D. Albright.

But the major contribution came from John Haus, of whom athletic director Bryan Matthews said, speaking for a winning lacrosse team at Washington College, "He built it back quicker than anyone thought possible."

championship in tennis and as a freshman in 1994 led Washington College to a national championship. He also is the 1995 Rolex Division III Player of the Year. In 1996, he advanced to the championship semifinals.

An economics and business management major, he maintains a 3.52 grade point average. Last spring he was awarded the prestigious Eldridge L. Eliason Award for high academic standing and accomplishment in the field of athletes.

Jill Schultz was graduated *summa cum laude* with departmental honors in sociology. She is one of seven lacrosse players representing nine schools to be named to the All-District II spring team. An all-conference performer in field hockey and lacrosse and a consistent Dean's List student, Schultz won the Senior Athletic Award and the Bell Award as the senior female athete with the highest cumulative average. (see Senior Awards story, page 3).

Cromwells Donate Portrait of Washington

George Washington has finally come home. Thanks to the generous gift of George '53 and Barbara '55 Townsend Cromwell, a replica of Gilbert Stuart's famous portrait of George Washington now hangs in the office of President John S. Toll. The portrait was unveiled at a reception for members of the Board of Visitors and Governors last April.

It is believed that the portrait, measuring 38" by 48", was painted in the 1880s for the centennial celebration of the American Revolution. The artist is unknown. The portrait is given to the College in memory of Leslie Legum, George Cromwell's late business partner and friend of the Cromwells. Mr. Legum was an avid art collector.

Tapke Donates Shell To Rowing Program

Laurel Harris '98 (center) was victorious in the "Peter F. Tapke's" inaugural race at the Head of the Charles in Boston. Tapke is a longtime crew supporter. Flanking the two are coaches Matt Conaty (far left) and Mike Davenport.

Off-Season Learning Keeps Campus Buzzing

Hazy, maybe, but there was nothing lazy about the long summer days at Washington College. In addition to summer science research programs, the school hosted a number of summer conferences and youth sports camps and was a host site for several summer academic programs, including the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth, the University of Maryland University College's Business for Russia internship program and Washington College's inaugural English as a Second Language (ESL) Program.

The Center for Talented Youth (CTY) brought to campus more than 400 highly able fifth and sixth graders who concentrated on one of several areas of study in the humanities, mathematics and sciences. Within a rigorous academic setting, they accelerated their course of study in mathematics, learned the rudiments of computer language and programming, built a weather station, or wrote dramatic scenes.

Three new CTY courses took advantage of Washington College's unique facilities and location. Students in the "Writing and the Printed Word" course printed their work using the College's antique letterpresses. Historic Chestertown served as a learning laboratory for students enrolled in the "Introduction to Colonial America." And youngsters in "Bay Ecology" dredged for oysters in the Chesapeake Bay from aboard the Stanley Norman skipjack and went fishing in Still Pond Creek.

"This was our first year at Washington College, and we were very pleased with the facililities and the support we have received here from Dave Knowles and his staff," noted John Harmon, CTY site director. "The laboratories are beautiful, the Casey Academic Center Forum is perfect for our Model United Nations and Geography course, the recreational facilities are wonderful, and we had the entire O'Neill Literary House at our disposal for use as offices. Plus, the food is fantastic. We've never had college food quite like this before. One of the math instructors always used to order pizza to use as a demonstration for his students. This year he said the food in the Dining Hall was too good to forego for pizza."

The summer months also permitted some undergraduates to cover a lot of ground in the chemistry department, as two Dutch students and three Washington College chemistry majors engaged in summer research projects.

Joep van den Broeke and Oscar Wielinga, on a summer exchange from the University of Leiden, worked with Dr. James Wakefield on an inorganic chemistry project involving catalytic processes.

Jessa DeMars '97 and Dana Rechen '97, funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Private Secondary Education (FIPSE), worked under the supervision

President John S. Toll (back row, right) welcomes a group of Russian students from Irkutsk State University. The students were in the U.S. to study American business and participated in internships with local businesses.

of Dr. Frank Creegan. DeMars was running experiments to compare elimination reactions. Rechen was examining the substituent effects of alkaline condensations.

Under the supervision of Dr. John Conkling '65, a pyrotechnics expert, Tyler Benedum '98 tested chemical compounds for impact, thermal effect, spark, and burn sensitivity. His research was funded by the American Pyrotechnics Association.

"It's great to have the run of the laboratories and have such easy access to the equipment," Rechen notes, "particularly the new NMR (nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer)."

In mid-July, the focus turned to business, as Washington College hosted nearly a dozen students from Irkutsk State University in central Siberia, Russia, visiting the United States as part of the University of Maryland University College's Business for Russia program. Washington College was one of three Maryland colleges organizing three-week internships with local businesses.

"This is a nice opportunity for our students to learn and study management and marketing in the United States," notes Alexander Diogenov, Dean of the Siberian Amerikan Department of Management at Irkutsk. "It used to be that 'manager' was a bad word in Russian, but we need to have specialists in management and marketing business. Five years ago, we had no business textbooks and no business professors, so we created a joint program with the University of Maryland University College (UMUC) to connect the two different systems of education."

Under this collaborative program, Irkutsk State University students are taught by Russian professors in their first two years and by visiting UMUC professors, who teach in English, during their second two years. Most students are sponsored by Russian businesses — large corporations held over from the Soviet days; when the business students graduate, they often are employed by their sponsors.

"For most of these students, this is their first opportunity to travel outside of their country and to see American business theory put to work," Richard Schreck, director of international programs for UMUC, says about the internship program. "The goal is to introduce them to general management skills and, through homestays, to deflect some common misconceptions about American business and American culture. It's a real eye-opener, particularly the team management approach."

College President John S. Toll noted at a reception at Hynson-Ringgold House for the students, their host families and host businesses that he hoped this initial visit was the beginning of an academic exchange with Irkutsk State University that would bring other Russian students to Washington College and permit Washington College students to study in Russia.

During the past year, Tahir Shad, Associate Dean of Washington College and Director of the International Studies program, has had great success in opening up international exchanges and cooperative study abroad agreements with several universities and in encouraging international visitors to Washington College.

It was under such an arrangement that 20 Japanese students hit the Chestertown campus in late July to take part in Washington College's inaugural English as a Second Language Program. The introduction of an ESL program also marked another first for Washington College — the marketing brochure was printed in Japanese.

"What makes this program unique is that it offers more than just language training," says Shad. "The students improve their language skills while gaining a sound understanding of American life. Through field trips to

Psychology Department Hosts High School Students

Local area high school students examined a human brain, learned what neuroscientists do, and met several psychology professors when the department hosted them during "Brain Awareness Week," May 13-18. Washington College was one of dozens of colleges and universities around the country sponsoring Brain Awareness Week activities to promote brain research.

nearby cities, visits to churches and museums, and community service projects, they are exposed to different aspects of American society. By participating in Harvest for the Hungry in Baltimore, working to replant marsh grass at Wye Island, attending a black church service in Chestertown and spending time with the children of migrant farm workers in Kent County, they came to understand how richly diverse American culture is."

Campus Arboretum Blossoms Into Outdoor Classroom

From the common sweet gum tree to the towering red horse chestnut, from the ornamental ginkos to the London planer trees, one can learn a lot from these shade givers, wind barriers and decorative specimens — not only relating to botany, but also to plant pathology, cell aspiration, urban landscaping, and even a bit of history.

To make the best use of this outdoor classroom, Washington College's biology department and the Women's League of Washington College have joined forces to create a campus arboretum. Last spring, under the direction of Dr. Rosemary Ford, two work-study students, Jessica Harding '98 and Kyle Bowers '97, began tagging campus

You may have studied under them, enjoyed their spring fragrance, watched them turn to shades of red and yellow each fall, and perhaps even climbed their branches, but how much do you really know about the trees on campus? Test your tree knowledge with the quiz below. The answers are found on the bottom of page 13.

1. This tree, a member of the beech family, is Maryland's State Tree. It stands alone near the rear of the library, but in Maryland's forests it is often a dominant species.

2. The campus has several trees of this species, named after a common flower, that are easily identified by their winter buds that resemble duck's bills. Another prominent characteristic present during the winter is the axis of the fruit remaining on the tree resembling a candelabrum. Definitely a magnificent tree—summer or winter!

3. The steel-gray bark of these trees, members of the oak family, was one of the earliest writing surfaces in Europe. In fact, the common name of this tree and the word "book" are apparently derived from the same Anglo-Saxon root. (WC students also found these trees a good place to carve their initials.)

4. Few trees surpass the graceful beauty of this one — large limbs branching widely giving the tree an overall vase-shaped appearance. Unfortunately, it is highly susceptible to a fungus disease imported from Europe that is wiping out this tree in the U.S. WC students named their newspaper after an especially large tree of this species, which is now deceased.

5. Thoreau wrote admiringly of this tree in one of his last essays, "Autumnal Tints." He wondered about the Puritans' reaction when this tree "blazes out in scarlet" and suggested that they erect meeting houses to avoid worshipping under its indecent "high colors and exuberance." In addition to its red leaves in the fall, it has red flowers and new leaves in spring, red twigs and leafstalks in summer, and red buds in the winter. There are two by the entrance to the Decker Science Center; several line Route 213 in front of the campus.

Test Your Tree IQ

by Professor Rosemary Ford

6. This tree, sometimes called the "living fossil" since this species is one of the oldest known species, has been growing on earth for 150 million years. The fan-shaped leaves and the pyramidal shape of the tree are highly characteristic. The one tree on our campus is a male that produces swimming sperm — like ferns and mosses! Your hayfever can't be blamed on this tree!!

7. This tree, standing between the library terrace and the Cater Walk, has a circumference of 22 feet—by far the largest tree on campus! The yellow-orange color in the fissures of the bark and the spines on new twigs help identify this tree. Most people are familiar with the female tree by its large green fruit that resembles an orange. Luckily, this tree is a male and only drops its flowers.

8. This tree is best known by its fruit — a prickly bur containing 1-3 seeds. Unlike the native species that has been reduced to stumps in the forests, this species from China is resistant to the blight fungus. But the WC tree has not escaped the fungus as there are fungal lesions on its lower limbs.

9. These conifers with bluish-green leaves are natives of Asia Minor and are categorized botanically as true cedars. WC has two closely related species — one near the library terrace and two flanking the entrance to Hynson Lounge. An unusual characteristic of these trees is that the male cones shed their pollen in the fall rather than the spring. For bird lovers, these trees exhibit the damage of the yellow-bellied sapsucker on the trunk (holes drilled about 1 inch apart in a horizontal pattern).

10. This tree, belonging to the rose family, flowers early in the spring. The two common names of this tree were given by the colonists because they flowered at the same time as the spawning run of the shad fish and at the time of burial services for those who died during the winter. These are short understory trees with clusters of white flowers and small, dark blue, apple-like fruits. The fruits are edible and can be used like blueberries. A grove of these trees stands between Bunting and William Smith Hall.

Fall Sports Schedule

FIELD HOCKEY	
Saturday, Sept. 7	AWAY@
Catholic University	1:00
Wednesday, Sept. 11	HOME
Wesley College	4:30
Saturday, Sept. 14	HOME
Gettysburg College	1:00
Tuesday, Sept. 17	HOME
Widener University	4:00
Thursday, Sept. 19	HOME
Villa Julie College	4:30
Saturday, Sept. 21	AWAY@
Dickinson College	1:00
Tuesday, Sept. 24	HOME
Bryn Mawr College	4:00
Saturday, Sept. 28	HOME
Muhlenberg College	1:00
Wednesday, Oct. 2	AWAY@
Salisbury State	4:00
Saturday, Oct. 5	HOME
Franklin & Marshall	1:00
Tuesday, Oct. 8	AWAY@
Swarthmore College	4:00
Friday, Oct. 11	AWAY@
Randolph Macon	4:00
Saturday, Oct. 12	AWAY@
Virginia Wesleyan	1:00
Tuesday, Oct. 15	HOME
Johns Hopkins	4:00
Thursday, Oct. 17	AWAY@
College of Notre Dame	4:00
Wednesday, Oct. 23	AWAY@
Haverford College	4:00
Saturday, Oct. 26	AWAY@
Western Maryland College	1:00

SOCCER	
Saturday, Aug. 31	HOME
Villa Julie College	1:30
Thursday, Sept. 5	HOME
York College	4:00
Saturday, Sept. 7	AWAY@
Christopher Newport	TBA
Wednesday, Sept. 11	AWAY@
Galludent University	4:30
Sat. & Sun., Sept 14-15	AWAY@
Greensboro Tournament	3:30
Thursday, Sept. 19	AWAY@
Gettysburg College	4:00*
Thursday, Sept. 26	AWAY@
Widener University	4:00
Saturday, Sept. 28	HOME
Franklin & Marshall	1:30
Wednesday, Oct. 2	HOME
Goucher College	4:00
Saturday, Oct. 5	HOME
Ursinus College	1:30
Wednesday, Oct. 9	HOME
Wesley College	4:00
Tuesday, Oct. 15	AWAY@
Delaware Valley	4:00
Saturday, Oct. 19	AWAY@
Dickinson College	1:00
Wednesday, Oct. 23	HOME
St. Mary's College	3:30
Saturday, Oct. 26	HOME
Muhlenberg College	1:30
Wednesday, Oct. 30	AWAY@
Johns Hopkins	7:00
Saturday, Nov. 2	AWAY@
Haverford College	1:30
Wednesday, Nov 6	HOME
Swarthmore College	3:30
Saturday, Nov. 9	AWAY@
Western Maryland	3:00

VOLLEYBALL	
Monday, Sept. 2	AWAY@
Marymount Tournament	9:30 am
Saturday, Sept. 7	AWAY@
Haverford Tournament	9:00 am
Fri. & Sat., Sept. 13-14	AWAY@
Gettysburg Tournament w/ G'burg & M'berg	1:00
Tuesday, Sept. 17	HOME
Haverford College	7:00
Saturday, Sept. 21	AWAY@
U. of Scranton Tournament	9:00 am
Wednesday, Sept. 25	AWAY@
Bryn Mawr College	7:00
Tuesday, Oct. 1	HOME
Goucher College	7:00
Thursday, Oct. 3	HOME
Swarthmore College	7:00
Fri. & Sat., Oct 4-5	HOME
Invitational Tournament	4:00
Wednesdy, Oct. 9	AWAY@
Ursinus College	7:00
Fri. & Sat., Oct. 11 & 12	AWAY@
Galludet Tournament	3:00
Tuesday, Oct. 15	HOME
Johns Hopkins	7:00
Wednesday, Oct. 23	AWAY@
Western Maryland	7:00
Saturday, Oct. 26	AWAY@
Dickinson w/ F&M	11:00
Wednesday, Oct. 30	AWAY @
Wilmington College	7:00
Saturday, Nov. 2	AWAY@
Messiah Tournament	10:00 am

trees with the genus species identification. During the summer months, Dr. Ford, associate professor of biology, enlisted the help of her daughter, Lisa, and Winslow Long, an amateur botanist and member of The 1782 Society of Washington College, to complete the tagging, identification and mapping of every single tree on campus — all 705 of them.

"The idea of a campus arboretum originated with Helen Gibson, former College First Lady, and Winslow Long," says Ford. "We have so many varieties of trees on campus and students and visitors frequently ask about their identification," says Ford. "We thought it would be a great learning opportunity for our students, as well as being helpful to the college's grounds crew who are responsible for their care. The academic programs in environmental studies and biology will certainly benefit from an outdoor classroom ready for students to explore."

Dr. Ford noted that her general biology students conducted experiments on water uptake with the male holly tree by Bunting Hall and in the winter months attempt to identify deciduous trees by twigs and bark.

The Women's League is providing funding for the initial purchase of 50 identification tags that will include the common, scientific, and family name of each tree. Maps, both in print and on the Internet, are being prepared as well. Next year, Dr. Ford plans to include shrubbery in the campus flora identification.

ANSWERS
1. White oak (Quercus alba)
2. Tulip tree (Liriodendron tulipifera)
3. American beech (Fagus grandifolia)
4. American elm (Ulmus americana)
5. Red maple (Acer rubrum)
6. Ginkgo (Ginkgo biloba)
7. Osage orange (Maclura pomifera)
8. Chinese chestnut (Castanea chinesis)
9. Deodar cedar (Cedrus deodara) by the library and Atlas cedar (C. atlantica) by Hynson Lounge
10. Shadbush or serviceberry (Amelanchier canadensis.)

After Class: Professors Share Passion For Colorful Hobbies

by William L. Thompson '70
Photographs by Gibson Anthony

All week long, they teach, advise students, serve on academic committees, apply for grants, write papers, and conduct scholarly research. But when the classes and meetings are finally over and the weekend comes, do faculty have a life beyond the realm of Washington College?

We began to wonder when we spotted Gene Hamilton suiting up in roller blades, helmet and other protective gear at the end of the day in the parking lot behind Gibson Performing Arts Center and gliding out towards Quaker Neck. And wasn't that Steve and Louise Amick at the wheel of an old Chrysler in the Rock Hall Fourth of July parade?

We asked Bill Thompson to investigate this strange phenomenon: staid professors who enjoy a hobby so completely divergent from their academic interests. In addition to our in-line skating devotee and antique car aficionado (both, strangely enough, math professors), Thompson discovered a psychology professor who scavenges and wildly colorizes her lawn furniture and a chemistry professor who fell hook, line and sinker for the time-honored Eastern Shore tradition of messing about in boats.

Like the red wheelbarrow of William Carlos Williams' imagist poem, so much depends upon the metal lawn chairs in Cecilia Acocella's yard.

Dr. Acocella, an assistant professor in the psychology department, has a lifelong affection for collecting things. As a child in New Jersey she accumulated Barbie dolls, Superballs and balloons. As a graduate student at Boston University, she surrounded herself with cast-off furniture and devoted her few spare hours to refinishing chairs and trunks. Later, she began assembling groups of cream jugs and a small forest of floor lamps.

But none of her collections quite matches the eye-grabbing coterie of brightly-painted metal lawn chairs that adorn the grassy backyard of her rented home in Chester Harbor. They are of the simple style of rounded back and spacious seat — a chair too plain to rate a name such as Adirondack or Morris, so commonplace at one time that every mom-mom and pop-pop had one on the front porch.

To Acocella, the chairs are more than mere lawn furniture. "I love them," she said unabashedly, though with tip of tongue in cheek. "I think they're beautiful. My chairs are art."

It started as an accidental hobby. Acocella had left her job as a researcher in Boston to join the Washington College faculty in 1993. She moved into a modest home across the river in Queen Anne's County and did not like the sight of a chairless backyard. Among the furniture for sale at a thrift shop on High Street was a $5 metal chair, forlorn in appearance but with enough surrender in its curved metal legs to give sufficient bounce to an occupant. It went home with Acocella, who soon after spotted and bought for

Psychology professor Ceil Acocella expresses her alter ego with a fanciful collection of lawn chairs.

$2 each a trio of similar metal chairs at a yard sale in Kingstown.

"All of a sudden I have four chairs with this Fifties look and a pattern was forming," Acocella said.

Few passions are without accomplices. In Acocella's case, a routine telephone call turned what could have been a simple act of buying yard furniture into an interstate affair.

Acocella remembered that her grandmother had owned one of those metal chairs. "I called my mother and asked her if she knew where it was. She said no, they got rid of that ages ago. But she told my father I was looking for these chairs. Lo and behold, he's driving around in his van in New Jersey and he sees five of them in the garbage. My father's not a bashful one, so he pulled all five out of the garbage and threw them into the van. The next week they're driving down here with them. And now I had nine."

The collection grew to 19 by the end of the summer. Not satisfied with the chipped and rusted appearances most bear when she acquires them, Acocella painstakingly strips away multiple layers of paint until each chair is down to metal. Then she carefully selects a color — something flashy — and redresses the chair for its placement among the others.

"It takes two weeks to do each chair properly," said Acocella, "and I can only do about six a summer. Every piece of rust and paint has to come off. They're all rinsed and wiped dry before I paint them and I don't want any two to look alike."

Neighbors have noticed the unusual gathering of yard chairs and one couple living next door serves as critics. "I'll be outside painting and I'll hear one of them yell through their window, 'I like that color!'"

Once she had developed an eye for spotting the chairs at yard sales and junk shops, Acocella had no difficulty finding them. And in case a used furniture dealer is confused about what kind of chair she is looking for, she keeps a photograph of one in her purse. That doesn't mean she buys every one she sees. "I would rather not hunt them down. That takes the fun out of it," she said.

Outside the context of her chairs and other collections, one might think Acocella an unlikely candidate for such flashy preoccupations. That would be a mistake Acocella can tolerate.

"I did hear a very interesting theory in evolution that humans, in one way or another, like to have a bit of a display, a colorful display," she said. "I said to myself that's not me, I'm not colorful. I wear tans. Olive green. Black. I don't wear jewelry. No makeup. My car's not flashy. My house is toned down. And then I thought again — everything I collect is colorful. It's my yard that's flashy."

You won't find him sliding down handrails or "skitching" rides behind pickup trucks en route to Rock Hall, but Gene Hamilton is as close to a full-fledged bladehead as Kent County has to offer.

One of a growing number of in-line skaters — estimates suggest there are 20 million in the United States alone — the mathematics and computer science professor turned to blading two years ago in his continual pursuit of physical and mental health.

"If you exercise and stay in good shape, it should improve your brain functioning," said Dr. Hamilton. "I really believe that."

Adept at a number of sports but searching for better ways to combine an aerobic workout while testing his skills of balance, Dr. Hamilton had sampled several recreational sports.

"I went parasailing. I went jet skiing. I'd heard of blading and thought it might be fun," he said. "I've never been one for team sports or weight lifting or stop-and-go-sports. I had done some ice skating 20 years ago, but I was kind of bored with that because you're just going around and around in a rink. I used to be an avid water skier a long time ago and I was pretty good at it. I was a trick skier. I could go backwards. I could do what are called toe-hold turns. I slalomed."

Hamilton's introduction to in-line skating, a sport using skates that feature polyurethane wheels arranged in a straight line, began at a Glen Burnie, MD, shop that offered rental gear and lessons.

"It felt a little funny at first," he recalled. "Then, phew, I took right off." The biggest difference between conventional roller skates and in-line skates or blades, Hamilton quickly discovered, is speed. Because of their unique design, bladers can reach speeds 25 to 50 percent faster than skaters wearing old-style equipment.

Hamilton experimented with the blades along a hiker-biker trail between Annapolis and Baltimore before buying his first pair. His enthusiasm for the new sport was increasing, but there was one problem.

"In the beginning, gosh, I'd get tired after 10 or 15 minutes," he said. "I'd skate a little bit and then I'd have to walk on the grass. My legs would be killing me and I thought, this is ridiculous. I couldn't understand why I was getting so tired."

The remedy was improving his technique and, with practice, Hamilton

For math professor Gene Hamilton, blading is a logical solution to quantifying adequate aerobic exercise.

was able to cover long distances. By the fall of 1994 he had bladed the entire Baltimore-Annapolis Trail, the Baltimore-Washington International Trail, the 17-mile Arlington Loop and, over two weekends, the challenging 45-mile Washington and Old Dominion Trail.

Hamilton observed that his stamina was improving steadily and during a December weekend in Leesburg, VA, he experienced a blading epiphany.

Math professor Louise Amick equates driving her 1947 Chrysler Royal with fun.

"There's a stretch where you go uphill for three miles," he said. "This is incredible for me because only a couple months before I would get tired after 10 minutes and I couldn't go up the shallowest grade. Here I am going up a three-mile hill without stopping to walk and when I get near the top of the hill I passed a couple of cyclists. It made my day. Not only had my muscles gotten stronger, my technique had really improved."

Hamilton bought two more pairs of blades — a set of five-wheelers preferred by speed skaters and a set equipped with an inflatable tongue that helped him avoid nagging foot blisters. From the start, he wore wrist guards, knee and elbow pads and a helmet. After a few painful spills onto his backside, he invested in a pair of padded blading shorts.

Having the proper equipment, he said, is crucial to enjoying the sport. The greatest fear of older bladers is falling, which can result in nasty scrapes — called road rash — and broken bones.

"I don't fall very much and when I do," he said, "I don't have time to think about it. I've had some hard falls, but I don't get hurt. I would worry more about getting injured running than blading. Running gives your joints a pounding. Blading is basically a low-impact sport. It's only high impact when you fall. But if you've got protective gear, it's even low impact then. I've taken some falls when I was going 18 miles an hour and I was fine."

When he's not traveling off the Eastern Shore to a particular blading destination, Hamilton routinely skates from the campus parking lot to Pomona and back, a distance of about 10 miles he has covered in 50 minutes.

Content to stick with distance blading, Hamilton sees no reason for him to try rail-riding or other trick styles. "If I could learn to do that without getting hurt, it would be interesting," he said. "But it doesn't seem very practical. I mean, where am I going to do this around here?"

Old cars have a way of rejuvenating the ordinarily mundane act of driving. Ask Louise Masten Amick '69, an assistant professor of mathematics who can be seen on some summer days with her family motoring along the Eastern Shore's back roads in a gold-colored 1938 Chrysler Royal convertible, complete with rumble seat.

"It is pure pleasure," said Amick. "You get a real feeling of control. It's not like you're driving something with power steering. There's a standard on the floor. Three gears. The rumble seat is surprisingly comfortable."

Amick and her husband Steve, a Delaware State Senator and a member of the same College class, acquired the vintage auto 12 years ago when she was teaching at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania. The car owner lived in nearby Oxford and had shown the Chrysler to the Amicks a few years earlier. At that time, though, he wasn't interested in selling.

"He was still having fun with it, taking his grandchildren for rides," she said.

Still in the market for an older model car, the Amicks settled for a 1953 Cadillac. When word reached them five years later that the Chrysler Royal owner was willing to sell, the Amicks and a friend moved quickly.

"We had planned on getting rid of the Cadillac," said Steve, "because we were ready to work our way back to something older and really interesting." His wife had longed for a car that would have a personal connection to her life.

"Actually, I wanted a '47 Lincoln," she said. "We found out since that a lot of people want a car from the year they were born. Another tendency is to want a car from the period in which you were a teenager — the car you always wanted but never got."

But the Chrysler Royal was too tempting and the trio paid $5,000 to drive it away. A couple years later, the Amicks bought their friend's share and took full ownership.

As a classic automobile, the Chrysler Royal — which listed for $995 when new — is a rarity because only 480 were manufactured. And it was the last car Chrysler made with a rumble seat.

"Coming off the line in the late Depression, it was not what people were looking for," said Steve. "Consumers became more utilitarian and this was a terrifically illogical and non-utilitarian car. If it rains, it seats two. Period. There's no stretching it to three people."

Because World War II brought strict rubber and fuel rationing on the domestic front, the Royal was not likely to be overdriven. When the Amicks bought the car, the odometer read 91,000 — an average of less than 2,000

miles on the road for every year of the car's life.

The Amicks, who live with their son Paul in Newark, DE, keep the vehicle under cover in a shed at their weekend home outside Crumpton, MD. They only drive the Chrysler on bluebird days and then mostly on the country roads of Kent and Queen Anne's counties. For sporting events and reunions, they'll bring the car on campus. Once or twice a year the Amicks participate in small-town parades.

"There are two groups of classic or antique car owners," explained Louise Amick. "One group fixes up the car to show it. It's really too valuable to drive. It has to be trailered to places. The other group fixes it up to drive it and to have people admire it as it passes by."

The Amicks count themselves among the latter group, although they have had the interior upholstery and cloth top replaced. After discovering that the car's green paint hid the original color, they checked a set of authentic Chrysler color charts and had it repainted Chinese gold.

Mechanically, the six-cylinder, 2,500-pound car has performed nearly trouble-free, said the Amicks. It operates on regular fuel and gives its drivers more than 20 miles per gallon. If there's routine maintenance to be done, the car is turned over to Louise Amick's father, who is a retired mechanic.

Almost as much fun as driving the car is watching the enthusiastic reaction of others who see them on the road, said the Amicks. Now and then, though, the reception is puzzling.

"It surprises me when people don't notice," said Steve Amick. "There's a certain percentage of the people who are absolutely oblivious to the fact that they are passing a '38 Chrysler."

"We want to blow the horn at them," added Louise. "There's a standard thumbs-up sign motorists and even motorcyclists give you. People either love the car or they don't see it."

Rick Locker spent many childhood hours fishing around the creeks and hollows of his family farm in Fayetteville, Tennessee, so it was only a matter of time before he picked up a rod and reel when he came to Chestertown in 1985.

The Eastern Shore, said the associate professor of chemistry, has a "Southernness" about it that reminds him of home. So when a student and her boyfriend invited him to join them on an afternoon fishing excursion by canoe, he took the bait.

Now the owner of two canoes and a 16-foot, nine-inch aluminum Bass Tracker he outfitted with a 40 horsepower outboard and a smaller trolling motor, Dr. Locker is a familiar figure along Kent County's shorelines.

Chemistry professor Rick Locker finds a positive reaction to combining sun and water with a boat and a fishing rod.

When perch, catfish, blues and rockfish are in season and the skies overhead are not overly threatening, Locker can jump into his pickup truck, pull his boat to the water's edge and have rod in hand in less time than it takes to eat a fish in a restaurant.

Like many sportsmen, Locker's affection for being outdoors has more to it than hauling in a fish. "It's a combination of things," he said. "Sometimes I like to go just to be by myself. I like being outside. And I like to take people with me. It's a nice way to spend a few hours. I can think if I'm by myself and I can enjoy a conversation if I'm with someone else."

Since most of the fish caught in local ponds and creeks are typically small, Locker enhances the sport by using ultralight tackle with spinners, small Tonys and a special crank bait called a rattle trap — all lures weighing an eighth of an ounce or less.

"Fishing like that makes catching little white perch worthwhile," he said. "Also, I like fishing the way I do because I can catch a perch or a rock or a catfish, all with the same lure. I never know what it's going to be."

When Maryland reopened its striped bass or rock season several years ago following a fishing moratorium, Locker was among the multitude of sportsmen and commercial watermen who went after the tasty species. Last fall he caught a 24-pound rock, well above the legal limit.

As much as Locker enjoys fishing, making a meal of what he catches is not high on his list of pleasures. "I don't really like eating fish that much," he confided. "It's not something I enjoy immensely, although I have discovered that a good rockfish is a very good meal, particularly if it's well prepared. And I like perch. But I don't go wild over seafood."

He used to feel the same way about eating hard crabs. He bought a few crab traps — "I'm on the Eastern Shore and I might as well do it" — and sampled the crustaceans. "To tell you the truth," he said, "I like steamed crabs better than I thought I would."

Despite his cautious appetite for seafood (he releases most of what he catches or gives the fish to friends) and his love of being on the water, Locker is anything but ambivalent about why he goes boating.

"It does matter to me whether I catch a fish," he said. "It's not like if I didn't catch anything I'd feel I wasted my time entirely. But if I didn't catch anything, I don't think I'd go out. That's probably one of the reasons I stick with perch fishing. Once the weather starts getting warm, you're pretty much guaranteed of catching something, even if it's small."

William L. Thompson '70, a freelance writer, rollerblader and fisherman, is a frequent contributor to the Washington College Magazine.

Of Mice & Men: Neuroscientists Seek Genetic Keys To Behavior

by Dr. Michael T. Kerchner and Dr. Robert Hitzemann

In 1993, the psychology department at Washington College initiated a new undergraduate program in behavioral neuroscience. Students participating in the program are typically preparing for careers in neuroscience, medicine, veterinary science, or pharmaceuticals. Dr. Michael Kerchner is the adviser for the program; his current research involves genetic factors influencing reproductive behavior in mice. Dr. Robert Hitzemann, a Washington College parent (his daughter, Kristin, is a sophomore interested in nutrition and behavior), is a professor of psychiatry at State University of New York - Stony Brook, where he uses mouse genetic models for investigating human behaviors induced by alcohol and cocaine abuse. Together, they hope to establish a series of collaborative projects to be conducted at Washington College on the behavioral genetics of drug addiction. We asked the two professors/researchers to share some of their expertise relating to the growing field of neuroscience.

IN DR. KERCHNER'S LAB:

Within the last ten years there have been dramatic discoveries in the field of medical genetics. Investigators have been zeroing in on the genetic causes for a variety of diseases that bring both physical and emotional suffering to a significant portion of our population. As an outgrowth of advances in molecular genetics and research related to the Human Genome Project, investigators have identified genes for such diseases as breast cancer, colorectal cancer, retinitis-pigmentosa, and cystic fibrosis. Similarly, in the field of neuroscience, recent advances have led to discovery of the genetic causes for several neurodegenerative disorders, including Huntington's Disease, Lou Gehrig's Disease (Amylotrophic Lateral Sclerosis), Multiple Sclerosis, Myotonic Muscular Dystrophy, several forms of ataxia (movement disorders), and a variety of forms of Alzheimer's Disease. While these discoveries are encouraging, investigators have yet to develop treatments that can halt or reverse the progress of most of these disorders.

Nevertheless, collectively, these advances have spawned hopes that scientists may be that much closer to developing the cures that are their true goal. For example, two young patients at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) who have been diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, have been treated with a genetically modified virus that was designed to "infect" the cells in their lungs with a functioning copy of the gene that they lack.

While it generally has been accepted that most of these disorders have genetic origins, a much more controversial notion is that complex behavioral and personality attributes, such as in-

telligence, aggressiveness, extrovertedness, shyness, hyperactivity, and sexual preference are also genetically determined. The controversy has rekindled fears that were once associated with the eugenics movement in the early 1900s, which encouraged arranged marriages among "desirable" individuals and surgical sterilization for "undesirables."

In the 1927 case of *Buck v. Bell*, the United States Supreme Court upheld the state's right to impose forced sterilization. In his summary of the court's majority opinion, Chief Justice Oliver Wendell Homes argued that "It is better for all the world, if instead of waiting for their imbecility, society can prevent those who are manifestly unfit from continuing their kind. The principle that sustains compulsory vaccination is broad enough to cover cutting the Fallopian tubes . . . Three generations of imbeciles are enough."

Carrie Buck was one of thousands of women who were sterilized at the Virgina Colony for Epileptics and Feebleminded, in Lynchburg, Virginia. Similar programs were also active in other states. As recently as 1994, a 26-year-old retarded Pennsylvania woman was sterilized at her mother's request after the Supreme Court refused to intervene in the case. While such cases are rare and the eugenics movement is no longer state-sanctioned, advances in the field of human genetics have stirred concerns regarding the possible misuses of this new knowledge.

Contemporary critics fear that current claims regarding the genetic origins of complex traits will fuel prejudice and discriminatory acts toward specific individuals or groups. For example, an individual with a genetic marker that is associated with an increased risk of cancer may find it impossible to obtain medical insurance. Moreover, if genes determine specific personality attributes, might parents attempt to use this knowledge and techniques of genetic manipulation to select "desirable" characteristics for their progeny? The same tools that might be used to cure cystic fibrosis might also be employed to influence an individual's personality or intellect.

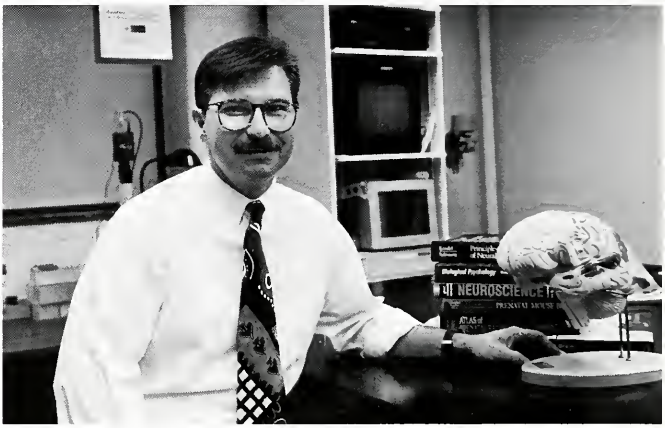
While this possibility has been raised before, it is often dismissed because it is generally assumed that such complex traits are likely to be influenced by many different genes and environmental influences as well. Nevertheless, some recent studies have linked a variety of complex traits with specific genes or genetic markers.

The importance and the complexity of such issues illustrate the value of a liberal arts education. For many students and faculty at Washington College, behavioral genetics is an active topic for discussion and research. First year students may explore these issues in a Community, Nation, World (CNW) seminar entitled Human Genetics and Human Affairs, taught by biology professor Rosemary Ford. In my own field of neuroendocrinology, my students and I have also begun to contend with the complexities of behavioral genetics.

"Sex, sex, sex — is that all you think about?" You might be accused of being obsessed with sex if, like me, you are interested in sex differences in brain structure, brain function, and behavior. In my research laboratory I work primarily with non-primate animal models, rats and mice. Rodents are good animal models to use in studies of sex differences because there are very obvious sex differences in their patterns of reproductive behavior, and researchers have acquired vast amounts of information about the hormonal and neural control of reproductive behavior in these species.

In addition, there are many mutant strains that can be used to investigate the role of genetic factors in sexual development. It also helps that rodents are typically prolific breeders and generally can be expected to perform reliably. However, some strains of mice are prone to specific behavioral reproductive deficits. Recently, I've become interested in studying one such strain of mouse to learn about the possible neural substrates of a common form of male sexual dysfunction in humans.

Mice that are homozygous for a recessive "stubby" allele on chromosome 2 are unusually small for mice, with shortened limbs, tail and snout. While these features make them particularly cute for mice, there is one significant drawback associated with the stubby phenotype — males who inherit this trait are impotent. Although as adults they have normal blood levels of androgens, produce a normal number of healthy sperm, and appear, at least initially, to be interested in mating with receptive female mice, stubby males rarely ejaculate.



Dr. Michael Kerchner uses a genetically selective breed of rodents called stubby mice to investigate reproductive behavior.

Despite their normal blood levels of testosterone (T) in adulthood, it is possible that their inability to ejaculate may be related to lower than normal levels of T early in development, either pre- or postnatally. When I was a post-doctoral fellow at Villanova University, I studied rats with a similar but less severe reproductive impairment that had been caused by exposure to prenatal maternal stressors, i.e., bright lights and physical restraint. Unlike normal rats, the prenatally stressed males were less likely to ejaculate, in part because maternal stress had lowered fetal levels of T and

thereby interfered with the masculinization of neural centers in the lumbar region of the spinal cord that coordinate ejaculation. In my laboratory at Washington College, students and I are examining the spinal cords of the stubby mice for signs of deficient levels of T during early development (see Figure 1). If we find evidence of incomplete masculinization of the lumbar spinal cord in stubby mice, then we'll determine if supplementing early T levels can normalize their spinal cords and their adult behavior. Future studies will examine the ability of drugs to facilitate ejaculation in stubby mice. One drug we plan to test is the antidepressant venlafaxine (Effexor™). A reported side effect of this drug in males is spontaneous/premature ejaculation!

In the U.S., more than 30 million adult males experience some degree of erectile dysfunction. In males between the ages of 40 and 70, estimates are that fifty percent will experience occasional episodes of impotence. While most of these cases are attributable to other medical conditions, e.g., diabetes, high blood pressure, kidney and vascular diseases, alcoholism, smoking, neurodegenerative disorders, and the side effects of medications, many cases are classified as psychogenic - that is, they originate in one's mind. While such psychological factors clearly contribute to sexual dysfunction, there may be a large number of individuals who are genetically predisposed to experience these periods of sexual dysfunction. With a little hard work and a great deal of luck, our studies with stubby mice may help provide some useful insights into the causes and treatment of human sexual dysfunction.

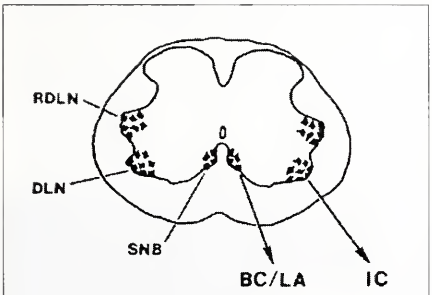


Figure 1.

Figure 1. The lumbar spinal cord contains clusters of neurons (RDLN, DLN, & SNB) that innervate muscles of the pelvis and lower extremities. DLN and SNB neurons innervate muscles at the base of the penis. In prenatally stressed rats and in animals that are insensitive to testosterone, there are fewer neurons in these areas. If stubby mice also have fewer DLN and SNB neurons compared to control siblings, this would be a sign that the neural system coordinating ejaculation is incompletely masculinized.

From Dr. Hitzemann's Perspective:

The stubby mutant provides a fine example of how a single gene mutation can affect behavior. Since all the animals are raised under identical laboratory conditions, we can assume that the environmental effects on behavior are minimal and the differences among animals are due solely to the mutation on chromosome 2. Other examples of single gene mutations which affect behavior have such informative names as waltzer, twister and dancer. However, most behaviors (both normal and abnormal) and many diseases are influenced by multiple genes and, furthermore, there is usually a strong environmental effect.

Examples of multi-genetic traits include non-insulin dependent diabetes, hypertension, schizophrenia, intelligence, drug dependence, neuroticism and extroversion. Schizophrenia illustrates the importance of the gene-environment interaction. Schizophrenia is a syndrome characterized by delusions, hallucinations and thought disorders. Schizophrenia affects 1% of the population (lifetime risk) and is known to be under strong genetic control, although the responsible genes have yet to be identified. However, even among identical twins, the concordance rate is only 50%. In other words, if one twin is diagnosed as having schizophrenia, the chance of the other twin being schizophrenic is only 50:50. The most likely interpretation of this observation is that, although the twins have identical genes, the gene-environment interactions are not identical (even when the twins are raised together) and thus, gene expression will differ. Genes which show such differential expression are said to be incompletely penetrant.

In addition to the variable environmental effects, there are a number of other difficulties in studying the genetics of complex human behaviors. Perhaps the largest problem is defining the phenotype (the characteristics of what we observe) for behaviors which are clearly heterogeneous. For example, depending on the parameter being measured, samples of schizophrenics almost always show more variation among themselves than differences from "normal" controls. Thus, in order to study the genetics of schizophrenia, we will need to define more homogeneous subgroups within the general schizophrenic population. The same argument could be made for all forms of mental illness. Solving this problem should provide numerous employment opportunities for our next generation of research psychologists.

An example of where subtyping led to a genetic success is found in the recent discovery by King and associates of the breast cancer-related gene, BRCA1. These studies focused on finding a gene or genes associated with familial breast cancer, which accounts for less than 5% of all breast cancers. However, the discovery of this gene and subsequently of related genes will most certainly contribute to our understanding of idiopathic breast cancer.

A second problem in human genetics research is the problem of phenocopies. Phenocopies occur when different sets of genes are associated with the same phenotype. In a population as genetically heterogeneous as that found in the United States, the phenocopy problem will be significant. To deal with this problem, many human geneticists have begun to focus on populations which have been genetically closed or isolated for at least 1,000 years. Populations which meet this criteria include the Finnish and the Sardinians.

Given these and other problems associated with human genetics research, it is not surprising that many investigators have turned to mouse genetic models for investigating complex behaviors. Perhaps the most widely used mouse strategy involves crossing two inbred mouse strains which differ

markedly on the behavior of interest. The F_1 generation (a familiar term to all gardeners) is then crossed to form an F_2 generation. Because of recombination during meiosis in the F_1 animals, all of the F_2 animals are genetically unique.

This effect of recombination is where modern genetics differs from the genetics of Mendel and his peas. Each F_2 animal is phenotyped for the behavior and then genotyped for markers (think of them as signposts) located across the entire mouse genome. Modern molecular biology has made this process relatively easy. One then takes the phenotypic and genotypic data and looks to see where there are associations between the behavior and a particular marker. This is the first step in finding the genes associated with the behavior. Actually finding the genes is technically challenging but not an impossible task.

At Stony Brook, we have begun using this F_2 approach to map the genes associated with alcohol-related behaviors. Alcoholism is one of the most significant medical problems we face in the United States today. The lifetime risk of developing a significant alcohol problem is approximately 1 in 15. Twenty thousand individuals die each year from alcohol-related fatalities. Alcohol abuse increases one's likelihood of developing a wide variety of other illness. The genetics of alcoholism are well established. Twin studies, such as those noted above, have repeatedly documented a significant genetic contribution to alcoholism. The sons of alcoholic fathers have a three-to-four increased lifetime risk of developing alcoholism. Interestingly, such sons differ in their response to alcohol even before they start drinking — they are resistant. However, alcoholism also includes important psychosocial effects and these, of course, cannot be mimicked in the laboratory.

Alcohol research has a rich history in the development of mouse genetic models. Perhaps the most famous are the long sleep (LS) and short sleep (SS) selected lines of mice developed over 25 years ago by G. McClearn. Selective breeding is a genetic strategy as old as agriculture and animal husbandry. Dogs developed to hunt, guard or shepherd are good examples of selective breeding. The LS and SS mice were selected for differences in the anesthetic effects of alcohol.

Although the anesthetic effects of alcohol may seem somewhat distant from alcoholism, these lines of mice were instrumental in showing that alcohol and the benzodiazepines (drugs such as Valium) share some similar mechanisms of action. Other investigators have developed selected lines which differ in such phenotypes as withdrawal sensitivity and alcohol consumption.

The behavior we have focused on at Stony Brook is the stimulant-like effects caused by low doses of alcohol. For humans, the equivalent behavior is thought to be alcohol's euphoric effects. It has been proposed that all drugs of abuse (including alcohol) share a common mechanism of action — the release of the neurotransmitter dopamine (a chemical messenger) in a part of the brain known as the ventral striatum. Perhaps the drug which most powerfully produces this effect is cocaine. This release of dopamine is strongly reinforcing, and thus, perpetuates drug-taking behavior.

Although this model is simple, it has had great heuristic value and has been validated on several levels. The question we wish to address is what genes make some animals either very sensitive or insensitive to the stimulant effects of alcohol. For such studies, one phenotypes a large F_2 population and then selects the extreme individuals for genotyping. We plan to complete these studies over the next two to three years and ideally some strong candidate genes will emerge. Finally, since the mouse and human genome are more similar than different, we can use the mouse data to predict the location of relevant human genes.

Genetic research at Stony Brook has also focused on the behaviors induced by a class of drugs known as neuroleptics. Drugs in this class include Thorazine and Haldol. These drugs are widely used to treat the psychotic symptoms associated with a variety of mental disorders (e.g. schizophrenia or manic-depressive disorder). In this regard the drugs are very effective. The use of these drugs revolutionized the care of the severely mentally ill; most patients are no longer treated in large state institutions but rather in community settings. However, there is a penalty associated with using these drugs — there are numerous side effects. The most pronounced of these side effects are Parkinson's Disease-like symptoms. Not surprisingly, the patients don't like these side effects and they are the principal cause of drug non-compliance.

However, not all patients develop these symptoms, and over ten years ago we asked the question of whether or not "genetic factors" might play a role in this differential sensitivity. If such genetic effects existed and if they could be understood, we argued that it

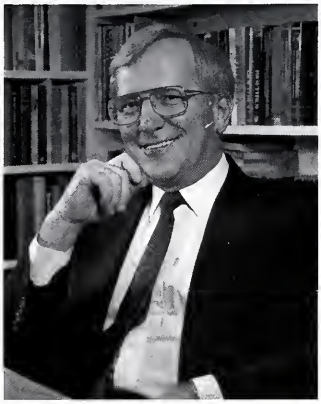
Dr. Robert Hitzemann (left), a professor of psychiatry at SUNY - Stony Brook, is the father of Kristin, a Washington College sophomore interested in nutrition and behavior.

Human Genetics Pose Ethical Issues

by J. David Newell

Recent advances in medical knowledge have created a host of ethical questions in the field of medicine and medical practice. These issues are the subject matter of a relatively new course of study at Washington College called "Medical Ethics." Among the units covered in this course is one entitled "Ethical Issues in Human Genetics." Thanks to the Genome Project and similar investigations in human genetics, we now know more about the genetic structure and composition of the human body than ever before. Not only do we **know** more, but we can now **do more** *to, with,* and *for* the genetic structure of human individuals than anyone even dreamed of a few decades ago.

These advances in our knowledge of human genetics and therapies have both positive and negative implications. On the positive side, there is the promise of eliminating certain genetically based human diseases, preventing some types of birth defects, determining the outcomes of pregnancies well in advance of their being brought to term, etc. But with such gains there are some potential difficulties. Genetic screening alone raises issues of privacy and confidentiality (who has access to the information acquired?), insurability (will insurance companies treat "defectives" differently?), discrimination (who will hire the genetically handicapped?), screening distribution (who will face mandatory screening?) and the cost to society of screening programs (who will pay for screening the needy?).



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Professor Newell, chair of the Department of Philosophy at Washington College, considers the ethical implications of genetic advances that could be abused for purposes of selective human breeding.

Do couples who carry genes, say for cystic fibrosis or Huntington's disease, have a moral obligation to abstain from having children? Is it ethically acceptable for a company to require genetic screening in the hiring process? Are there ethical problems with detecting disorders in externally fertilized, microscopic human embryos and then trying to correct them prior to implantation? Is it unethical to implant an embryo containing defects? If not, how do you "dispose" of such organisms? Will eugenics, the science of improving the hereditary qualities of a race or breed, become a saving grace to the parents of tomorrow? Will genetic information (and the appropriate gene therapy) reduce or increase the number of abortions? And so on.

These are just a few of the ethical issues raised by recent advances in genetics. Do they warrant a moratorium on such potentially dangerous research, or are the benefits worth the risk? It may be a bit too early to say for sure that the benefits will always outweigh the burdens in such research, but censoring or banning human inquiry into any subject seems hardly the way to go. The progress of the human race has long depended on the right of free and open inquiry, and the rewards have been enormous over the years. But let us keep in mind that scientific investigation is not a *value-neutral* undertaking. If such research is carried out with high ethical standards in mind, such as Kant's "respect for persons" principle, we should be able to keep its findings in perspective and use this knowledge to advance, rather than impair, the quality our lives.

would be possible to develop new therapeutic strategies for the treatment of psychosis.

Fortunately, mice and rats develop essentially the same side effect profile as humans and thus, it was possible to begin studying the genetics of this behavior in the laboratory. We developed selected lines of mice which were either very responsive or very non-responsive to neuroleptic treatment. This process is not as time-consuming as one might imagine since mice have a gestation period of 21 days and can be tested when they are eight weeks old. Thus, three to four generations can be bred in the course of a year. Using these lines and related genetic strategies, we have been able to document significant genetic differences between the lines on chromosome 9, near the gene for the D_2 dopamine receptor.

Within just the last few weeks, there have been several published accounts of important advances in behavioral genetics and genetically engineered medical treatments. Many of these accounts outline the elements of the ethical issues that are introduced by these new medical approaches (see the sidebar by Professor Newell). Students and professors at Washington College not only are working on projects at the cutting edge of this field, but are actively engaged in discussions that will frame future debate and policy regarding appropriate uses for these evolving genetic capabilities.

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John Toll Expects To Take Washington College To The Top

by Sue De Pasquale '87

John Toll is a man used to doing things on a grand scale.

During an academic career that has spanned more than four decades, the Princeton-trained physicist and World War II veteran has presided over two large state universities and led an international scientific collaboration involving top physicists from 80 research universities.

A year into his presidency at Washington College, a school so small that it's not unusual for professors to know the names of every student, how is he adapting?

Splendidly, by all accounts. "He looks like a natural," says Provost and Dean Joachim Scholz. "He is highly visible, around campus morning through night. He is respected by the faculty because the majority clearly see that his leadership is producing results. And, he has an excellent student rapport."

"The students love him," agrees Elizabeth Likens '96, last year's SGA president. "He would come to the dining hall several times a months to eat with us and ask us what we liked about the College and what we didn't like. Everyone was so impressed that he took such interest in us."

For his own part, the 72-year-old Toll seems to find the College's small scale something of a welcome change. "Here, if you want to make a change in policy, you talk it out carefully with the people involved and then you bring it to the whole faculty, or the Board, for approval. And it's done," he says, his face crinkling into a grin.

In the short time he has been at the helm, Toll has initiated the Washington Scholars program, which guarantees $10,000 a year for four years— regardless of financial need — to National Honor Society members admitted to the College as freshmen. The result has meant nationwide interest and a windfall of high-caliber students. The incoming freshman class is the largest ever at 326 students — some 71 students more than last year's class.

He has worked to balance the College's budget, at the same time ending a two-year freeze on salaries. Last year faculty and staff saw merit-based increases that averaged 4 percent, and there are provisions for similar increases in the current year's budget as well.

He has mustered approval from the faculty and secured financial backing from foundations for a major curricular innovation — the Community, Nation, and the World (CNW) General Education Seminars — that was in the talking stages when he arrived. And he initiated a new major in Environmental Studies — the first new major since the introduction of the Business Management major in 1985.

John and Deborah Toll

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Toll has accomplished these things and more, say those who work with him, with a strong leadership style that might best be described as pleasantly firm. "Dr. Toll has a way of convincing faculty that what is important for students is also important to them, and of getting them to go along in a nice way," says chemistry chair Frank Creegan, who is faculty coordinator of the CNW seminars.

Concurs Vice President for Admissions and Enrollment Management Kevin Coveney: "He certainly tries to build consensus, and I think is a very open communicator, listening to all sides and considering all scenarios before finally making the kinds of executive decisions that need to be made."

Indeed, while Toll may be a theoretical physicist with an intelligence described as "stratospheric" by one longtime colleague, he's also a pragmatist when it comes to dealing with people. Says Creegan: "John Toll knows what he wants and he is able to convince people to do it because it is good for Washington College."

On a sultry Saturday morning in July, Toll and his wife Debby sit down to chat in his office in Bunting Hall. In a few hours he will fly off to California for an international meeting of college and university presidents. She will drive back to Bethesda, to the home they maintain there. While John Toll lives throughout the week (and most weekends) at Hynson-Ringgold House, the College's historic presidential home, his wife splits her time between Chestertown and Bethesda.

In many ways, the two are a study in contrasts. Both exude warmth, but where he is measured in what he has to say, she is more apt to toss off the colorful story, the amusing anecdote. To give an example of her husband's characteristic unflappability, for instance, she recalls an experience during the tumultuous early '70s, when he was president of the State University of New York (SUNY) at Stony Brook. "Johnny was giving a speech one wintry day, wearing his black overcoat, when he receives a lemon meringue pie in the face! I still remember how he continued to speak," she says, breaking into a laugh. "He absolutely floored the audience."

When the couple met in the late 1960s, Debby Toll was a reporter for a Manhattan trade journal. She put her own career on hold to take on the role of president's wife and mother. Daughter Dacia was born in 1972, and Caroline followed two years later. A father for the first time at age 49, John Toll says he was quickly captivated by his two young daughters, developing a bond with them that remains very close today.

"When Dacia was five years old, she came to us and said, 'I'm in charge of myself,'" he recalls. "We thought about it, and we said, we like that, and so we've encouraged her all along to be in charge of herself, and so she always was. You never had to tell her to get ready for school, the bus is about to come. She was always organized. In fact, she organized the rest of us."

"It was perfect for me," interjects Debby Toll. "She never blamed me for anything."

Her husband continues, eyes twinkling. "Even today, I don't tell her what to do, she tells me what to do. I start to object and then I realize it makes pretty good sense and I obey."

Just this morning the Tolls had received some good news from their eldest daughter. Dacia had just learned that she was one of only two students in her class at Oxford University, where she had been studying as a Rhodes Scholar, to earn a "first" in her exams. To achieve that honor, she sat for 13 different exams — in philosophy, politics, and economics — each lasting three hours. She has spent the summer in Georgia working with the Jimmy Carter-led Atlanta Project. After attending law school, she plans to devote herself to the social problems o the inner city, her father says.

Caroline Toll graduated from Minnesota's Carleton College this pas spring, where she was a National Merit Scholar and a dual premed/clas sics major. As an experienced Residen Assistant, active lacrosse and rugby player, and student leader in curriculum reform, Caroline is a helpful adviser to her father regarding the concerns that are most important to today's college student. She'll take he medical college admissions exams at the end of the summer.

The Toll family spent the girls' earli est years in Stony Brook, New York. John Toll served as president of the State University of New York there fo 13 years, from 1965 to 1978. During that time the student body grew from 1,800 to 17,000.

"Johnny had a single-minded, purposeful approach to building that place that really put it on the map," recalls John Burness, Toll's executive assistant at that time and today the senior vice president for public affairs at Duke University. "He was president of a raw place with enormous ambition. He quickly understood that you have to go after the best people, and he set incredibly rigorous standards on tenure in those early days."

Toll has brought similarly high expectations to the promotions and tenure process at Washington College, a school where an unusually large proportion of faculty—some 85 percent—are tenured. "When we have an opening," he says, "there may be many good candidates but we want to pick the best one, not just a good one." In the past two years, while three assistant professors have been granted tenure, three others have been denied—a rate of denial higher than in the past, say seasoned faculty members.

Toll prefers not to say that he has worked to toughen the standards for tenure, but instead "to maintain the already high standards" that had been in place for many years. "If I had to pick out one single factor that most impressed me after my first few months here, " he says, "it was the quality of the faculty. Many are doing outstanding scholarly work, but they know that at Washington College, what counts above all else is the quality of teaching and advising."

Debby Toll remembers the years her husband spent at Stony Brook, and then as president and chancellor of the University of Maryland system, from 1978-89, as a time when he energetically threw himself into his work. "He doesn't allow much air between himself and the institution," she says. Indeed, John Toll's high energy level has quickly become legendary at Washington College—something faculty and students usually mention first when asked to describe him.

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(Top, left) President Toll meets with student leaders shortly after his arrival on campus. (Opposite) Toll pins a corsage on Seventieth Reunion celebrant Rebecca Brown Owens '25 during an alumni reception as Dorothy Woodall Meyers '24 and Daniel W. Ingersoll '33 look on. (Above) Daughter Dacia helps her father greet delegates at his Inauguration.

Former SGA president Likens recalls the 1995 Birthday Ball, an event at which John and Debby Toll danced into the early hours of the morning. The next day, Likens and a bleary crew of students arrived at 9 a.m. for clean-up duty. "Then President Toll showed up in his jeans and a sweatshirt, ready to help clean up. He really earned our respect," she says.

Toll tries to find time for a morning jog at least several times a week, which can be difficult given his intense schedule. In addition to his duties at Washington College, he last year served as president of the Washington Academy of Sciences, and is the current chair of the National Sea Grant Review Panel — a group that coordinates marine preservation and research efforts at the nation's 27 sea grant colleges and universities.

"I don't want to drift," says Toll, in explaining his decision to make a six- to ten-year commitment to serve as president of Washington College, at an age when most people have already geared down for retirement. "I love what I do. This week alone, we're hosting a dinner for 12 students from Irkutsk University in Siberia; I've met with a university president from the Netherlands, attended an alumni event in Talbot County where I got to talk with some fascinating alumni, and shortly will be off to an international meeting of college presidents."

Debby Toll is just as active as her husband, but largely in things outside the Washington College sphere. She leads a busy life on her own. For example, she is now serving as President of the American Newswomen's Club and is treasurer of a group that brings the arts to Alzheimer's patients in the greater Washington area.

After spending most of her married life as the traditional wife of a university president — entertaining, traveling, hosting university functions — she says she's happy to be taking a less conventional role now. "This is Johnny's job that he is doing, and I don't have to put my own activities second anymore. I can put them first," she says.

Her husband couldn't be more supportive. "My attitude is, I'm the one who is employed by the College, and Debby does what she wants to do." That usually includes hosting occasional dinners at Hynson-Ringgold House, and attending campus lectures and concerts that hold particular interest for her. She finds taking part in these events much more enjoyable, she says, now that it's not officially expected of her.

While Debby Toll may not be closely involved in the everyday workings of her husband's schedule, she remains his biggest cheerleader.

"The reason why Johnny can keep slamming away is that his character is so strong," she says. "He doesn't wobble."

She tells of a recent dinner conversation she'd had with a longtime friend of her husband's, a fellow physicist. "He said, 'I think of Johnny as a big rubber ball. He may get squished from time to time, but he always bounces back." She laughs, then adds, "I sometimes feel like Lot's wife. Because I look back. But he never looks back. For him, every day is a fresh slate."

Toll's ability to bounce back has been put to the test at two notable times in his career: in 1989, when he resigned as chancellor from the University of Maryland System after a disagreement with the Chairman of

the Board of Regents. And again in 1994, when Congress canceled funding for the Superconducting Super Collider, the multi-million dollar facility integral to the work of the Universities Research Association that he had headed for five years.

The Super Collider would have made it possible to magnify by 20-fold the examination of the most fundamental interactions of nature. Congress's decision, Toll says, "was a great blow to universities all over the world. We can't predict the future applications for this new field of high energy physics, but it will be tremendous. It's like discovering electricity." Canceling the project when work was well underway was both "short-sighted and foolish." A smaller version of the Super Collider is currently in the works in Switzerland, with just one third the potential capabilities of the one that got scuttled here. "I'm convinced that sooner or later we're going to have to build one," Toll says.

Toll downplays the impact the Super Collider's demise had on himself. "I could go back to teaching physics at the University of Maryland. I was much more worried about the many young scientists and engineers who had spent ten years on that project, and were basing their careers on it, and now had to find other jobs."

Those who know him well say that his inclination to put other people — and causes — ahead of his own self-interest is classic Toll.

Duke's Burness, who worked for Toll at the University of Maryland after Stony Brook, remembers his former boss as a nurturing mentor. "At Stony Brook, I was a young puppy, just out of college. He always gave me an enormous amount of rope. Just as I was about to hang myself, he'd tug me back in, and we'd talk about how I could do it differently next time. I remember conversations with him when he talked about how you should always try to be the best. If you fail, you might make number two, but if you shoot for number 10 and you fail, you'll end up making number 11."

Passing the buck is something John Toll just doesn't do, according to Burness. "John makes the hard decisions, and he is always willing to take the heat, even at times when he would be better served not to stand in front of the arrows."

While some people lead through sheer force of their personality, Toll is neither flashy nor a self-promoter. He's more comfortable talking about the good things currently happening at Washington College, than his role in bringing those good things about.

The new president is particularly pleased with the bumper crop of freshmen who will hit the Washington College campus this fall, half of whom are members of the National Honor Society. "We're the first college in the country to go into this kind of partnership with the National Honor Society, and my hope is that within a few years, we will be known as an institution at which most students are members [of the NHS]," he says. "It describes perfectly the kids we want to attract: bright, and committed, and involved. "

The overall high school grade point average of the entering class is nearly half a grade point higher than in years past, and average combined SAT scores are up as well, Toll notes. (To continue receiving annual $10,000 scholarships, students in the program must maintain at least a "B" average.)

Many high-caliber high school students are frightened away from applying to small independent schools like Washington College, where tuition rates can seem high, Toll believes. "With this scholarship program, we are effectively bringing our tuition for outstanding students down from about $17,250 a year to $7,250, which suddenly makes us comparable in price to state schools."

How can the College afford to offer $10,000 scholarships to so many students? Consider that the average annual merit scholarship award in years past was $8,000, and you can see that the increase in the Financial Aid budget is not as drastic as it might initially seem. Money will have to be generated to support the new program, however, so Toll has made scholarship aid a top priority in the Annual Fund drive.

While the NHS scholarship program has raised the academic profile of this entering class, Toll stresses his commitment to maintaining the diversity of the student body, including a good mix of international and minority students and of "late bloomers" as well as top honors students from high schools. He notes that Washington College has been able to help students at many different levels of development, giving each student special attention. "The mix of students benefits all Washington College and creates a cohesive, interesting community where ideas and cultures come together."

The growth in the student body has created an urgent need for more dormitory space, the president notes. The Office of Student Affairs has found living space for all this year's students by filling up double rooms and converting some lounges and classrooms into triples. The College also has assigned houses adjoining the campus for student use this year.

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(Above) John and Debby Toll with Board Chair Louis L. Goldstein '35 and his daughter Margaret Senate Goldstein '76 at a 1782 Society Gala. (Opposite) Toll shares a light moment with General Colin Powell and Trustee John Moag before Powell's remarks to students last spring.

Plans are underway for a new residence hall, due for completion next fall, that will house 80 to 100 students. "Our goal within the next few years is to increase the student body to about 1,100 students," says Toll, which means "we'll probably have to build one new residence hall a year, for several years. But we want to keep Washington College relatively small to preserve its unique community feeling."

Other bricks and mortar projects are in the works as well. Construction is well underway on Daly Hall, a 12,500 square foot academic building devoted to classroom and faculty offices for the social sciences and humanities. The new hall sits adjacent to the Gibson

Performing Arts Center and is slated for completion in December.

"There are two things we want to do after we complete Daly Hall," says Toll. "One is to consider what we do to upgrade and expand Ferguson Hall, so that we can mix it with classrooms and faculty offices. The other is to renovate William Smith Hall, which is a marvelous, historical building, but does not meet the modern needs for electronic teaching and is not handicapped accessible." The total bill for the project, which will include both structural renovations and mechanical upgrades, is estimated at $2.8 million.

Toll says the tentative plan is to move the computing center, currently housed in Ferguson, into the basement of the renovated William Smith. "We've been emphasizing that everyone must be adept in using computers in their modern form, but that keeps changing," Toll says. "So last year we brought in a [consulting] group to see what we must do to stay at the forefront." The group concluded that the fiber optic connections within various buildings will need major upgrades. "There's another demand on the budget," says Toll.

In setting the budget for the current fiscal year, Toll set priorities on three areas: merit-based salary increases for faculty and staff; increased deferred maintenance ("We tripled these funds," he says, "because if you're not taking care of your buildings, you really aren't balancing your budget in the long-term sense"); and "selective investments" in the academic programs and in various offices.

In 1995, for instance, as acting president he worked to strengthen the Business Office, bringing in a new vice president and making some other key appointments. Toll says the pay-off was immediate. Under the savvy business leadership of Senior Vice President for Finance and Management Louis Stettler, net tuition revenue jumped by over $1 million last year and is projected to go up another $750,000 this year. These increases, along with a sizable climb in Annual Fund revenues (from $1.4 million in 1993-94 to $2 million in 1994-95 and in 1995-96), have made it possible for Toll to fund his priority areas while achieving a balanced budget.

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The College also has seen a healthy growth in its endowment — from just under $27 million when Toll arrived in 1995 as acting president to a current level of $39 million. Toll credits a healthy stock market for much of the growth, but notes that the past two years of record-level private giving haven't hurt.

From a curricular standpoint, the new president has moved ahead with initiatives on several fronts. He took the lead in establishing the new major in environmental studies, headed by biology professor Donald Munson, and has pushed to widen international experiences for the entire student body. "I feel strongly that we're preparing students for a world that's going to be increasingly interconnected. They've got to understand other cultures of the world in order to be effective citizens," he says.

Under the direction of international studies professor Tahir Shad, newly named Associate Dean, the College last year expanded its international exchange programs to include seven new universities in nations around the globe. The Admissions Office also has worked to enroll more international students; they currently comprise 8 percent of the student body. (Japan has the greatest representation, followed by Sri Lanka, and then Bulgaria.) "These international students have been contributing in every way to our academic program," Toll says, "In fact, one of the best students we have right now is from Bulgaria."

Whether or not they go abroad, all Washington College sophomores will gain insights into global issues, Toll notes, through the newly established Community, Nation, and the World seminars. The innovative program calls for all freshmen to take two semester-long seminars that focus on the themes of the Chesapeake region and the United States (ranging from "Chesapeake Cultures" to "Crisis in the Arts in America"), and for sophomores to take two seminars dealing with global issues—one on a Western topic, the other non-Western.

Toll expects the CNW program, which is largely hands-on and allows students to study primary sources — from the Walters Art Gallery in Baltimore to the FBI's Forensic Laboratory in Washington — to lure prospective students and national attention to the college he describes as a "jewel" of the Eastern Shore.

Raising Washington College's visibility, both nationally and internationally, is something John Toll intends to focus on in the months and years ahead. Says Toll, "I want Washington College to be recognized among the top small colleges of arts and sciences in the country."

Sue De Pasquale '87 is the editor of Johns Hopkins Magazine.

ALUMNI REPORTER

Alumni Elect Council Execs

Washington College alumni elected new Alumni Council officers in May. Paul M. Boertlein '75, as President, and Glenn Beebe '81, as Vice President, will both serve two-year terms. New decade representatives also were elected.

Boertlein, who most recently served as Alumni Council Vice President, has been a Class Agent, a Decade Representative to the Council and a member of the Visiting Committee. He also headed up the 20th Class Reunion planning committee for his class.

He is Director of Client Services with The Franklin Firm, the public relations division of The Carmen Group, Inc., a Washington-based international consulting firm dealing in public relations, public affairs and association management.

Glen Beebe '81, past president of the South Jersey Alumni Chapter and Class Agent since 1981, was named a Member-at-Large on the Alumni Council in May 1995. As Vice President of the Alumni Council, Beebe serves as chairman of the nominating committee.

Beebe is Deputy Executive Director for the New Jersey General Assembly Majority Office. The former Mayor of Robbinsville, NJ, he continues to serve on the Township Committee.

In other appointments:

Michael R. Young '69 is succeeding George Buckless as Decade Representative for the '60s. Buckless was elected to the Board of Visitors and Governors. New Council Members-at-Large are Christian Thornton '96 and Suzanne Hewes '91.

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Paul Boertlein '75

Glenn Beebe '81

Counting The Ways To Benefit Washington College

Linda Sheedy '69, President of the South Jersey Alumni Chapter, stitched a counted cross stitch tapestry patterned after Washington's Casey Academic Center. It will be raffled off in the fall to benefit the Chapter's Scholarship Fund. Look for details in the chapter newsletter, or call the Alumni Office for tickets.

College Updates Alumni Directory

Have you ever tried to get in touch with an old classmate only to find that the last address you have in your telephone directory is eight years old? Well, your troubles are over. Soon an updated directory of alumni will be available to help you locate all your old friends.

The new Washington College Alumni Directory, scheduled for release in April/May 1997, will be the most up-to-date and complete reference on nearly 8,000 Washington College alumni ever compiled. This com-

Environmentally-Inquisitive Group Makes Inaugural Alumni Trip

Professor Donald A. Munson, the Director of Environmental Studies at Washington College, led nine alumni and two staffers on a scientific excursion to Bermuda last May. The group stayed at the Bermuda Biological Station for Research and visited Nonsuch Island, the Bermuda Aquarium and snorkeled the off-shore coral reefs. They also enjoyed the island's leisurely pursuits. This was Washington College's first alumni trip, one which may be offered again next spring.

prehensive volume will include current name, address and phone number, academic data, plus business information (if applicable), bound into a classic, library-quality edition.

The Alumni Office has contracted the Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc. to produce the directory. Harris Publishing soon will begin researching and compiling the information to be printed in the Directory by mailing a questionnaire to each alumnus. If you don't return your questionnaire, you may be inadvertently omitted or your entry may be incorrect. (If you prefer not to be listed in the Directory, please contact the Alumni Office in writing as soon as possible.)

Alumni Cheer On Rowers In Caspersen Cup Regatta

It was not an ideal time of day to be crewing a scull nor was the weather surrounding Baltimore's Inner Harbor picture-perfect. But that didn't stop several Washington College alumni from cheering on the varsity rowing team and having a go at the oars themselves.

At mid-day, there was a trace of a chop to the water as the Washington College crew competed against St. John's College and Johns Hopkins University for the coveted Caspersen Cup on April 21st. Washington College prevailed, which is a fitting tribute to Coach Mike Davenport, his coaching staff, the students who participate in the Crew program and the alumni support.

Brooke Frank '92 and Kevin Kelly '92, co-presidents of the Baltimore Alumni Chapter, rallied alumni to cheer on the Sho'men and participate in alumni races. The oldest alumnus to participate was Steve Jones '80. Ari Kodeck '93 traveled all the way from Michigan, where he is in law school, to support the Sho'men. Washington College will host the Fourth Annual Caspersen Cup Crew Races in Chestertown next spring.

The crew coaches — assistants Jen Dougherty, R. J. Eldridge, Amy Osbourne, Lisa Brown, Matt Conaty, and Head Coach Mike Davenport — mug for the camera before setting off for the Caspersen Cup regatta.

Talbot Alumni Brave Hurricane Bertha For Happy Hour

Members of the Talbot Alumni Chapter met on Friday, July 12th, for happy hour at the Eagle's Point Pavilion at the Easton Club. Despite Hurricane Bertha's rage, President John S. Toll welcomed a spirited group of alumni and spouses, including Chapter President Kristina Tatusko Henry '88, Lynn Leonhardt Mielke '72, Mary Ellen Lord Larrimore '86, M'88, Mrs. Margaret Walters Carroll '38 and her husband William, Mr. Ellwood T. Claggett '38 and his wife Harriet, Karen Reisinger Ketterman '90 and her husband H.P. and Jan Finley '74 who traveled from Chestertown to join President Toll and friends.

The Talbot Alumni Chapter also encourages memberships of Caroline and Dorchester county alumni.

Nominating Committee Calls For Cream Of The Alumni Crop

The Alumni Council Nominating Committee is beginning the search process for recipients of alumni awards. If you know of any worthy alumni, please submit their name(s) to the Alumni Office, Washington College, 300 Washington Avenue, Chestertown, Maryland 21620.

Two Alumni Publish Pirate's Tale

James H. Stevenson '83 and Jack R. Schroeder '58 have collaborated to publish a slim volume called "Pursuit." The book is an epic tale, in verse, of an 18th century Eastern Shore tidewater family and their encounter on the waters of the Chesapeake Bay with Longface, a rakish pirate. Stevenson wrote the narrative with Schroeder providing several illustrations of the pirate, the two ships, and their weapons.

Stevenson began this project as a nursery rhyme for his children and it grew to epic proportions as an exercise to hone his writing skills.

Schroeder is an accomplished illustrator who has worked for the Smithsonian Institution, The British Museum of National History and the Academy of Natural Sciences.

To order a copy of "Pursuit," call 410-348-5078.

Reunion Snapshots

More than 800 alumni returned to campus for Reunion, featuring parties, music, river cruises, a letterpress demonstration, talk of football, and, of course old friends. To see more photos, check out the Alumni page on our Internet website at http://www.washcoll.edu.

Pictured here from top: Celebrating their first reunion were (front row): Bill Bloom, Marcia Mowbray, Mary Price Wick, and Alicia Carberry; (second row): Alexandra Geller, Sue Czechowski, Jamie Baker, and Keith Morgan; (back row): Jay Derbis, Ken Pipkin, Brett Showalter, and Charles Bucknor.

Middle: Returning to celebrate their Fiftieth Class Reunion were (left to right): Kirby Smith '46, Charles Irish '46, Suzanne Leap, and Preston Leap '46. President John Toll stands next to Mr. Leap.

Bottom: John Moag '77, Chairman of the Maryland Stadium Authority (foreground), and Chris Ely '70, a sportscaster with WJZ-TV Channel 13 in Baltimore, were part of a panel discussion on professional football in Maryland. Moag was instrumental in bringing an NFL team — the Ravens — to Baltimore. Photos by Dimitri Fotos.

CLASS NOTES

'25 Becky Brown Owens chaired the committee for the Port Charlotte Council on Aging's spring program in May. She introduced the guest panelists; their focus was making intelligent decisions as one gets older, such as choosing a place to live.

'28 Adrienne Richards Dahlke reports that her first trip with SAGA in November 1995 was a success. The trip focused on the work of Impressionist painters northwest of Paris.

Diantha Roe Eaton resides at Crosslands, a premier retirement complex in Kennett Square, PA.

'36 Emerson P. Slacum reports, "After serious illness, I am grateful to have been able to attend my recent 60th anniversary class reunion, which I never expected to achieve!"

'38 John Edward Jones left Washington College before he was able to complete his degree in 1933 to accept his first pastoral assignment. His pastoral assignments include: Williamsburg, MD (1933); Cheswold, DE (1934); Nanticoke, MD (1937); Roxanna, DE (1938); Brackex, DE (1942); Berlin, MD (1946); Millsboro, DE (1950); Harrison Street, Wilmington, DE (1954); Cambridge, MD (1962); and Harrington, DE (1965). He retired in 1975 after 42 years in the ministry. He has also contributed as Associate Pastor in Claymont, DE, from 1975-1982 and as Chaplain of the Methodist Country Home from 1982-1989. He has been lauded numerous times as an "energetic minister."

'39 George M. Eisentrout continues to be active in community activities including Kiwanis Club, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and Capitol Woodcarvers. He completed his final year of downhill skiing this season but continues golfing, gardening and traveling. He resides in Olympia, WA, with Dorothy, his wife of 52 years.

'42 Rebekah Patterson Pinto has lived at Methodist Country House for two years and loves it. She has one daughter who lives in Newark, DE, and a son in Newtown, PA. She also has five grandsons and one granddaughter. Her husband, George, died in 1992.

Donald "Dutch" Smith is chairing his 55th year reunion in May 1997.

'44 James E. Anthony, Jr. finished medical school at Maryland in 1947, finished a six year residency in surgery and spent four years in the service, including a tour as battalion surgeon in Korea. He went back to Atlanta where he practiced surgery for 20 years and taught at Emory Medical School. He retired from his practice and worked for the state medical board as an investigator. He retired as investigator and now works a few hours a week as a consultant for Social Security. He is also writing — his first book will be on the shelves in December. His second book is scheduled to be out in the spring of '97 and his third book is currently being edited. He spends time writing his fourth book and maintaining his hobbies — traveling and model trains.

'46 Roxanna Detwiler Merriken writes, "After six years of teaching in a local high school, I went to the 'big city' of Wilmington, DE; obtained some clerical skills and worked for the Dupont Company for thirty years, mainly in personnel — 15 years as secretary and 15 years interviewing job applicants. During these years as a career woman, I was able to see some of our beautiful world, both stateside and overseas and as well as helping raise 11 nieces and nephews. 1982-83 became an eventful period in my life which involved retirement, changing my single status to marital and moving back to my hometown of Denton, MD. Upon changing my name to Mrs. James W. Merriken, I gained a great husband and two neat stepchildren. These past 13 years have enabled me to become 'Miss Volunteer,' play more bridge than I had played since attending good old WC and read lots of books, one of my favorite things."

'47 Edward L. Athey is chairing his 50th year reunion in May 1997.

Gee Gee Buschman Voith enthusiastically writes, "Attention all the wonderful 1947 graduates: Come back for our 50th anniversary reunion in the spring of 1997. Hope to see you!"

'48 Ralph T. Gies is in the process of selling his accounting business and reports that he ran, and lost, in the Democratic Primaries this year for the first U.S. Congressional Seat ("I was too conservative"). He also ran for this same office in 1994 and won the primary but lost to incumbent Wayne Gilchrest.

'50 Frank H. Kuhn reports that he is still very busy with Orienteering, "the thinking sport." He is President of Florida Orienteering and is a member of the Board of Directors for the United States Orienteering Federation. He sees Don Tall '50 in Connecticut and at various Orienteering events around the country.

'51 Alexander G. Jones attended his 45th Class Reunion this May; he is completing 30 years as a member of Washington College's Board of Visitors and Governors.

Mel Morgan is living in Baltimore and reports that the Old Timers Baseball Association put him in their Hall of Fame. He'll be back for his 50th in 2001!

'52 Your 45th Reunion is in May! If you are interested in planning social events please call the Office of Alumni Affairs at Washington College, 800-422-1782, ext. 7812.

'53 Jane Bradley Lowe writes, "Retired and working harder than ever! After 40 years, still on my little waterfront farm."

'54 John P. Newbold is serving as President of the North Carolina Beach Buggy Association as he has been retired for three years from Moore Business Forms, Inc. He

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proposes, "Anyone wanting to surf fish the Outer Banks of North Carolina need only call — I'm ready to go!"

Roy B. Phillips and wife, Thelma, enjoy hosting groups in travel. In 1995, they visited the Canadian Rockies and Italy; in June 1996, it was Scandinavia and St. Petersburg, Russia. On October 5, 1996, they will be going to Nova Scotia and in the spring of 1997, to Africa, possibly Ireland and on a Mississippi River cruise.

'55 K. Herbert Turk, Jr. resides in Emmaus, PA. He is semi-retired and very active in community activities.

'57 Helen Hull Tyson is chairing her 40th year reunion in May 1997.

'58 Jack R. Schroeder has been earning a living for 40 years as a natural history illustrator and wildlife artist. He currently does mostly commissioned work, consisting of pets, homes, illustrations in publications and t-shirt paintings. He is working at painting wall murals in a private home in Easton, MD. He is contemplating relocating, after 35 years on the Eastern Shore, to Arlington, VA — the home of his new wife, Carolyn. They were married August 3, 1996.

'60 Dave Fenimore is proud of his daughter, Susan, who graduated with a doctorate from Santa Clara University School of Law.

'61 John A. Buchanan is practicing law and living in La Plata, MD. His law firm, Barbour & Zverina, P.A., is also located in La Plata.

Ben Pace lives in Buncombe County, NC, where he is President of Country Food Stores which he founded in 1977. Ben has been active within Buncombe County in many varied capacities and is the Democratic candidate for the NC State House of Representatives, 51st District.

'63 Roberta (Bobbi) Peters Kutlik reports, "It's great to be living in England again. I'm becoming quite involved in the life of a Yorkshire Dales village."

Frederick W. Sieling III is Chief of Seafood Marketing for the Maryland Department of Agriculture. He resides in Annapolis.

'64 Sylvia Bushong Hesson, formerly Medical Affairs Director for the American Cancer Society's Baltimore unit, is now Director of Corporate Relations and Coordinator of the Zuckerberg Internship Program at Goucher College.

Nancy Reussille Martin writes: "We love barrier island living in southwest Florida. Jim, my husband, runs from home a group of radio stations that he owns. My twin, Trish Harwood '64, still loves the corporate whirl of Hong Kong where she is a partner in a public relations firm and where her husband, Fred, is a Federal Express executive."

'65 After seven years with the Manhattan District Attorney's Office as Special Assistant to D.A. Robert Morgenthau, Gerald McKelvey has joined Howard Rubenstein Associates, New York's top public relations firm, as a vice president.

'66 Richard H. Smith, Jr. was named Maryland Chemist of the Year by the state section of the American Chemical Society. The award is given annually to a member of the Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society in recognition of noteworthy achievement in pure or applied chemistry, chemical engineering or chemical education. Smith has been a member of the Western Maryland College faculty since 1973 and is also a visiting scientist at the National Cancer Institute Frederick Cancer Research and Development Center, where for the last 15 years Smith and his student colleagues have performed research.

'67 Edward M. Athey is chairing his 30th year reunion in May 1997.

Richard Checket has been married for 29 years, and for the past 12 years has lived in Clearwater, FL. He is Director for Service & Support at AT&T Paradyse, a data communications manufacturing company. He has two grown daughters.

Mark A. Schulman was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the American Association for Public Opinion Research, the national organization for opinion pulse-takers. He has been a member of the Decision Team at Voter News Service, the television network-owned organization that calls the races on election nights for the news media. On election night this coming November, he and five other analysts at the Decision Desk will be calling all of the state-by-state Presidential votes, plus the senatorial and gubernatorial races.

'68 Mike Park writes, "My wife and I spent eight years in Israel (1972-1980). During that time we had three children and a war (not in that order). I have now become involved with computers and am immensely happy. Washington College was one of the best things that happened in my life!"

'69 After living in Europe for 13 years, Jeff Alderman has moved back to the U.S. to Atlanta, GA.

'70 John S. Snyder resides in Bethlehem, PA and is in his 24th year at PBS WLVT-39 where he is a producer/director. He remains interested in wrestling and in the production/directing and televising of Lehigh University wrestling matches. In past years he has served as a TV cameraman filming football games between Lehigh and Lafayette Universities,

the oldest football rivalry in the U.S. He is married to Anna Marie and has two daughters, Allison Caitlin (13) and Emily Marie (6). Sandy had been involved in coaching his daughters' softball teams.

'71 Vernon "Ted" Gott's son, Brian (24), graduated from Georgia Tech in March 1996. His daughter, Heather (21), graduated *magna cum laude* from High Point University in May 1996.

'72 Peggy Bradford Donald is looking forward to her 25th Reunion in May 1997.

Phyllis Blumberg Kosherick changed jobs and addresses. She is now the Assistant Dean of Public Health and Medical Education at Medical College of PA & Hahnemenn University. She and her family moved to the Philadelphia area over Christmas and are happy to be back in the USA. Her children are 14, 10 and 4 years old. Her husband is working as a computer consultant.

Frank Ogens wants to let everyone know that he's made a career change. "A casualty of corporate downsizing after 20 years in sales and sales management, I began to substitute teach at Queen Anne's County High School to occupy the hours. It was love at first class. Soon after I was offered the position of Maryland's Tomorrow Counselor for 'at risk' students. After 18 months the opportunity to become the Career Specialist with the new School-To-Work Program became available. Along with my duties of teaching 'job readiness' skills to our Career-Technology students, I have coached girls varsity soccer, boys freshman basketball and JV baseball. The only problem was that the two programs I worked under were grant positions and I needed to get my teaching certificate to have any security and benefits. After a year of WC graduate school, under the tutelage of Dr. Sean O Connor, I became Maryland state certified (in economics) to teach. I am happy to report that this coming school year I have accepted a full time teaching position at Kent County High School near Chestertown to teach business education and accounting. I also look forward to continuing as a coach."

Kathryn M. Weber is a CPA practicing in her office located on 705 Melvin Avenue, Annapolis, MD. She reports "no significant life events since my 1992 divorce."

'73 John L. Tansey is planning WC's Athletic Hall of Fame Weekend's 7th Annual Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament scheduled for Friday, October 4, 1996. Reservations are being taken now — call the WC Alumni Office for information at 800-422-1784, extension 7812.

'74 Christopher N. Luhn says that this past year has been a busy one. "Between my stepdaughter's exciting first year on the Washington College crew team (Meghan Brumby '98) and her brother Seth's junior year of high school, where he is a varsity defenseman and back-up goalie on the lacrosse team, we barely keep up. My wife, Callie, works full-time at Albany Medical Center's Surgical I.C.U. where she's an R.P.N. I head up the litigation department at my law firm, Ianniello, Anderson, Reilly & Luhn, P.C., am on the Board of Directors of the NY State Trial Association, am Treasurer of the Sarasota (NY) County Bar Association and am on the Executive Committee of the Association of Trial Lawyers of American (ATLA) Traumatic Brain Injury Litigation Group."

'75 Bill and Anne Rouse '77 Ament have moved to Huntsville, AL, where Bill is Athletic Director and Dean of Students at the Randolph School. They have recently had a son, Nathaniel (See Births).

Bronwyn Taylor Fry writes, "Still in Sri Lanka. Traveled to India, Nepal, Thailand, Singapore, Egypt and Maldives this year for mental health breaks from the civil wars. My e-mail address is bronwyn@sri.lanka.net."

'76 Bill Janney is a Regional Director and Regional Training Director for Independent Representative Excel Telecommunications in Naples, FL. He attended his 20th Reunion in May.

Beverly Horn Nelson would like to say hello to her friends from the class of '76. She is living north of Boston with her husband Carl, a professor. She "retired" from her job at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to stay at home with her one-year old twin daughters, Abigail and Elissa. She is expecting another child in September.

David R. Knepler and wife, Karen, became first-time parents of Sylvie Josephine on October 4, 1995. Sylvie was adopted in Hefei, China and was 22 months at the time. Jim Thomas '76 started this journey by driving them to the airport on October 1. "Anyone contemplating adoption from China is welcome to call me at 415-488-0241."

Births

To Bill '75 and Anne Rouse '77 Ament, a son, Nathaniel, on March 4, 1996.

To David R. Knepler '76 and wife, Karen, a daughter, Sylvie Josephine, adopted on October 4, 1995 in Hefei, China.

To Shelly Sharp '78 and husband, Greg, a son, Andrew Talbot Young, on April 10, 1996.

To William '79 and Katy Macielag '78 Maisel, a daughter, Katherine Jane (Janie), on November 4, 1995. Janie joins her sister Macie who is two years old.

To Foster Deibert '80 and wife Cristina, their second son, Philipp Ellis, on June 5, 1996.

To Cathy Leahy Harrison '82, a daughter, Renata Wilckes, on March 11, 1996.

To Gail Krall Hudson '82 and husband Lee, a son, Michael Patrick, on March 13, 1996.

To Robert '85 and Susan Summers '86 Gaddis, a son, William Tyler, on March 12, 1996. William joins older brothers, Matt (5) and Tim (2 1/2).

To Catherine Unger Smith '86 and husband, Geoffrey, a daughter, Mallory Valentine, on April 23, 1996. Brother Walker, age 3, thinks she is "pretty cool."

To Susan M. Kolls '87 and husband, Neadson, a daughter, Zoe Elizabeth, on December 22, 1995.

To Kay Montgomery Knopf '88, a daughter, Katelyn Elisabeth, on January 30, 1996. Katelyn joins big brother, J.P., who is three years old.

To Sarah Martin '89 and William Beekman '89, a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, on April 26, 1996.

To Stephanie Goodwin '89 and Henry '89 Ramsey, a daughter, Megan Elizabeth. Megan joins her big brother, Ryan (2 1/2).

To David Michael Sammataro '89, a son, Jacob William, on March 25, 1996.

To Gregory '90 and Rina Nielsen '89 Terry, a daughter, Anna Stuart, on July 5, 1995.

To Matt Weir '90 and wife Ann, a daughter, Jordon, on April 17, 1996.

To Kristine Winschel Woods '90 and husband, Matthew, a daughter, Hope Julianna, on January 24, 1996. She joins big sister, Molly Kristine, who is four.

(Left to right) Sandy Green DeVan, Reneé Miller Bloom, Taylor Connor McGee, Terri Adams Beatty, Cathy Bauerman Schwartz and Cindi Patchen Mullinix, all AOTs from the Class of 1978, try to get together for a "Girls' Weekend" once a year. This year, in recognition of their 40th birthdays, the classmates celebrated on a Carnival cruise to the Bahamas.

Jeff Merriam writes: "Over the past ten years I have attended fish farming conferences in Hawaii; looked into the export of Nali Nuts in the Honiara, the Solomon Islands; met with high quality fruit and vegetable exporters in the Sigatoka Valley of Fiji; designed and delivered a three-day training course on business development to Russian entrepreneurs in Ekaterinburg and Novosibirsk; practically been run over by an English armored personnel carrier in Belize, and, of course, watched the morning donkey fights after a restful night's sleep at Farafeni's local disco, hotel, bar. That doesn't include the time in Lesotho where two WC grads conceived and produced the only American child born in the country in 1980, with a WC godfather in the form of William Lee Hallam '76." Jeff is Business Development Manager for the Institute for Public-Private Partnerships in Washington, DC.

'78 Cyndi Coombs Pepper graduated from nursing school in May 1996. She started a job in Bath, ME, where she and her family —husband, Peter, and children Matthew, Nikki, Travis and Taylor — have moved.

'79 G. Wilson "Will" Martin writes: "I enjoyed seeing Bill Steelman '80 and his wife, Sue, and their two sons at a wedding in Vermont last September. Bill and I shared a house together for a couple of snowy Kent County winters out beyond Still Pond, MD, on the Sassafras River. I don't get back often at all, but the beauty of the Eastern Shore still bewitches me."

Nancy Fahrenkopf Whiteley is a paralegal and office manager of Bagley & Rhody, P.C., a firm dedicated to serving small companies and individuals in their business and personal affairs. She assists the members of the firm in the areas of estate administration, estate planning and corporate planning and administration.

'80 William C. Anderson is living in Antwerp, Belgium, with his wife, Debbi, and daughter, Shawna. He is General Counsel and Director of Environmental Health and Safety for GE Power Controls, General Electric's $1 billion European electrical equipment business. Bill also serves as the division's Managing Director in Germany and Managing Director of GE Poland.

Paul R. Derrickson has been married since 1988 and has three wonderful boys. He adds, "The Jay Young Donor's Profile inspired me to contribute."

'81 Sandra Evans Meyers writes: "After nine years of living in the midwest we are finally 'back east.' It's great to be so close to Ginny White '83, Suzanne Pinnix Welker '82 and Sallie Everitt North '81. My seven-year-old daughter, Kelly, had her 4th and final heart surgery in June and is now completely 'fixed.' She and her four-year-old brother, Bryan, love living so close to grandparents now."

'82 Gail Krall Hudson and her family reside in Baltimore City, where Gail is taking a leave from her job as a pharmacist to be a full-time mother. Gail and her husband, Lee, became proud parents in March (See Births).

In the 1996 Pennsylvania primary, Leslie Lighton-Humphreys was elected Republican Committeewoman for her voting district in Montgomery County, unseating the incumbent of eight years. She and her husband, Mike, are renovating their house along the Schuylkill River and Canal after hosting an uninvited weekend houseguest — over 96 inches of water — during the January flood. Shortly, Leslie will be celebrating her fourth year anniversary as a technical writer for Rhone-Poulenc Rorer Pharmaceutical Company and is looking forward to her next visit to France.

Mark G. Simpson resides in Bethlehem, PA, and works in New Jersey for Chubb & Son Insurance Company.

'83 Glenn and Ellie Elburn '83 Gillis are busy raising their children Michael, 10, and Katie, 7. In his spare time Glenn enjoys coaching soccer and little league baseball, repairing and restoring wooden canoes, camping, hiking, canoeing, playing softball and ringing handbells.

'84 Lisa Ann McClellan Wright and husband, Bill, are living in Parsipanny, NJ. Lisa is working for Bay Networks and Bill is working for AT&T. They just became parents.

Betsy Beard Stillings carried the Olympic flame on June 20, 1996, on one leg of its roundabout 15,000-mile relay from Los Angeles to Atlanta. Stillings was a gold medalist in the 1984 Los Angeles Games as coxswain of the women's eight. She and her husband, John, also an Olympian, and their two children live in Seattle, WA, where she works as a hospital pharmacist.

'85 Melissa Combes recently returned from 16 days in the Peoples Republic of China and Hong Kong. She is director of development and alumni relations at the Babcock Graduate School of Management at Wake Forest University.

Lisa Mendelson reports that her brother, Leigh Mendelson '89, is the assistant coach for the St. Louis Sting Jr. "A" Hockey Club, a new team in the North American Hockey League.

'86 Linda Kennedy is an attorney with the Office of the Public Defender in the Juvenile Division in Towson, MD.

Lee Ogden and his wife, Lela Kempe Ogden '88, are still living in Bermuda. They have a daughter, Caroline, 2, and are expecting a new arrival in August.

Marriages

Diane Cashell Riva '49 to Harry Douglas Garber at Rollins College, Winter Park, FL.

Jack Schroeder '58 to Carolyn Settles on August 3, 1996 in Arlington, VA.

Lisa Ann McClellan '84 to William A. Wright, on October 16, 1994.

Karen Reisinger '90 to H.P. Ketterman on October 7, 1995. Alumni in attendance: Kristina Tatusko Henry '88, Anne Reilly '90, Bridget Bellistri Schaller '90, Tiffany Bailey '91, Sara Johnson Hoffman '89, Rob Loock '86, Russell Loock '87 and Johanna Grunden Walter '79. Johanna and Kristina celebrated by smoking cigars.

Kristy Schiminger '91 to Ron Council '91 on May 26, 1996.

Susan Spedden '91 to Keith Eliason on August 10, 1996.

Elizabeth A. Speer '91 to John Anthony Sabella on June 22, 1996.

Douglas M. Hoffberger '94 to Catherine Van Ogtrop, sister of Andrew Van Ogtrop '97, on June 9, 1996 in Wilmington, DE.

Wendy Kloiber '90 was married to Mark Frederick '90 on December 2, 1995. Above, l to r, Ryder Daniels '90, Melanie Wade Wing '89, Peter Johnson '90, Peter Mendevil '88, Brian Gimelson '92, Professors Christine and Tom Pabon and Lillie Turgut '88.

Catherine Unger Smith hosted Zoelynne Weil Sursock '86 and husband, Mike, and son, Danny, for a week in July. The Sursocks were visiting from their home in Athens, Greece. Catherine and husband, Geoffrey, are also proud parents (See Births).

Mary Helen Holzgang Sprecher is association manager at the new firm, Franklin/Thomas Association Management, Inc., in Ellicott City, MD. The firm specializes in the management of non-profit trade and professional associations, certification and credentialing organizations.

'87

Jane Keller Hendron and husband, Bob, are living in Oxnard, CA. She received her M.A. degree in International Studies from Old Dominion University and is now employed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a Media Relations Specialist for the California Condor Recovery Program. She has renewed her interest in horseback riding and competes in the local Hunter-Jumper Circuit.

Irene Nicolaidis is chairing her 10th year reunion in May 1997.

'88

Christopher M. Fascetta, Esq. has taken a new position as Senior Associate in charge of the Bankruptcy and Creditors Rights Division of the law offices of Robert N. Grossbart, P.A. in Baltimore.

Kristina Tatusko Henry and husband, Mike, have two labradors, Frank and Gus (father and son). They are close friends with Dillon and Murphy Ketterman. Kristina and Mike are also proud owners of a 1976 Cadillac de Ville. Kristina is the President of the Talbot Alumni Chapter and would like to see more alumni at functions (and "this means you, David Lewis!") The chapter will be planning something big for the fall.

William P. Jones is at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. He is attached to the Secretary of the Air Force Reserve Declassification Team where he is screening Gulf War records for public release. His team just won Vice President Gore's Hammer Award for reinventing government.

'89

Linda Anders writes: "After spending the last seven years residing up and down the East Coast, I finally succumbed to the callings from the Chesapeake Bay and returned to Maryland. I am spending the summer months enjoying the pleasures of the Bay and working in the Health Education Outcome Assessment arena. It's good to be back!"

Rob Simms is getting ready to build his "Hinkle's" franchise in Richmond, VA.

Patrick and Denise Smith '89 Youngs are proud to report that after five years of marriage they are expecting their first child in mid-January of 1997.

'90

Carrie Blackburn recently changed jobs. She is now an associate with the law firm of Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker in their Baltimore office.

Wendy Kloiber and Mark Frederick '90 are married and living in Rockville, MD. Wendy is working for the U.S. Government Printing Office and is also working part-time at a local theater. Mark is working for a government contracting firm at the U.S./Asian Environmental Partnership. In the fall Wendy will be starting work on an MLA (part-time) through Johns Hopkins University.

Karen Reisinger Ketterman and husband, H.P., are proud to announce the arrival of two labradors, Dillon and Murphy.

Vincent Maximo recently spent two months in England working on a special credit project for MBNA International Bank, a subsidiary of MBNA Corporation. Vince also has been in touch with fellow 1990 grads Drew Elburn and Peter Maller. He regrets missing the Alumni Tennis Reunion and sends his hellos to all WC tennis alumni.

Carole Owens is an Account Marketing Specialist for Softmart, Inc. in Exton, PA. Softmart is a national corporate reseller of networking and computer products.

Tina Smith, a Boston alumna, writes, "Over the past two years I have greatly enjoyed watching my friend Dan Feiner '89, create and build one of the fastest growing concepts in the restaurant business — the mi-

cro-brewery. His business, the *Brew Moon*, is a wonderful, modern establishment catering to all sorts of individuals. The first location, in the heart of the Boston theater district, is always full of people interested in trying the smoked chicken nachos, my favorite, or one of the many home brews, including old fashioned root beer. As an alumna of WC, I'm always proud to tell my friends that I went to college with the owner/founder. Dan has certainly been kind to us alums too — the *Moon* has sponsored WC nights for area alumni in addition to catering to the WC rowing team when they were in town for the Head of the Charles Regatta. Those of us in Boston are very excited to watch this restaurant boom in such a great city!"

Stefan Strein is an associate partner at Triad Investors Corp., a Baltimore-based venture capital fund. He has nearly completed a master's degree at Johns Hopkins and is looking forward to having a life again. Stefan would love to hear from any lost friends at 410-602-3421.

Susan McGuirk Thomas received her Master of Library Science degree from the University of Maryland in May 1996. She is currently the librarian at Elizabeth Seton High School in Bladensburg, MD. She and her husband live in Bowie.

'91 Greg Hay is still working on his career in sales in the wireless communications industry. He is currently servicing the largest corporations in Chicago. He and his wife, Diane, vacationed in Hawaii for two weeks in February. He sends a message to all his KA brothers, "E-mail me at greghjr@aol.com!"

Ginger Penick Inmon is living in Atlanta, GA, with her husband, John. She is a therapist at two local counseling centers. She works with individuals, couples and families. She was married in June 1994 and has no kids but does have a wonderful dog named Chaos. She is working towards licensure as a professional counselor and a marriage and family therapist.

Deanna Houle Kelly is volunteering to serve as Co-Chairman of the Ninties Decade in support of William Smith Hall.

Greg Rupert is the General Manager of a Bob Evans restaurant in Bel Air, MD.

Susan Spedden is a physical therapist in Greenville, NC. She was married in August to Keith Eliason.

Peggy Volz received a doctor of medicine degree on May 19, 1996 from George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Services. She also was commissioned as a lieutenant in the Navy and will begin work at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. Peggy and her husband, Merle Ricketts, and a family that includes five children live in Bethesda.

'92 Your 5th Reunion is in May! If you are interested in planning social events please call the Office of Alumni Affairs at Washington College, 800-422-1782, ext. 7812.

Stefanie Lee graduated from the University of Maryland with a Master of Science degree in psychology and is working as a technical recruiter for Aerotek. Stefanie is planning a June 1997 wedding.

Monica Wilen Robitaille writes: "I am now married and living in Maine. Am loving the ocean but miss the Colorado Mountains where I am sure to return very soon. I have enjoyed all the moving around the country but look forward to settling down in one area. We have a baby on the way which is very exciting. I hope everyone is doing great!"

Jennifer Sponseller lives in Annapolis, MD, with Catherine Rogers '95. She works at Nordstom's managing the Façonnable Shop. She is co-president of the WC Annapolis Alumni Chapter with Susan Stobbart '91 and volunteers for WC Admissions.

'93 Geoffrey L. Donahue writes: "Having spent the past year back in the classroom, I will be receiving my MBA from Loyola College in September. Outside the classroom, I have been working as human resources intern with the Baltimore County Fire Department for the summer."

Laura Hammond is teaching English to 9th and 10th graders at a private school in Baltimore, MD. She also is pursuing a master's degree in leadership of teaching at the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore. She will be maid of honor in Jennie Blenckstone's '92 wedding in September.

Melissa Harmeyer is living in New York City and working for Simon & Schuster.

Peter Jons, a research assistant at the National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, MD, co-authored a paper on Lesch-Nyhan disease that was published in the June 30, 1996 edition of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, one of the most prestigious professional journals in the world. Peter was one of the first students at Washington College to take the behavioral neuroscience concentration within the psychology department. He is a member of WC's Friends of Psychology.

'94 Chris Berghaus is an owner of Paradise Bar & Grill, a Caribbean-style restaurant located in the harbor of Rock Hall, MD. The restaurant offers a casual atmosphere and excellent food. He employs many WC students.

Pam Hendrickson is engaged to Joe Boan '93. She is pursuing a master's degree in secondary school counseling at Kutztown University, where she is employed. Joe is employed by First National Bank of Maryland in Baltimore.

Sherry Menton is enjoying Austin, TX, summers, although she misses Chestertown sunsets and all the folks from WC. She is working in a stained glass studio and she and her significant other have just bought a house two blocks away from Ralph Koster '92 and Kristen Johnson Koster '90. She would love to hear from old friends!

Sarah White is living in South Londonderry, VT. She is working as general manager for D. Lasser Ceramic Co. She and her fiancé, Jeff Slenker, are planning a May 1997 wedding.

Stuart Warner is living in Indianapolis and is working in sales for Consolidated Lighting. He moved from South Bend, IN, last March and reports that so far everything is going pretty great.

'95 Shelley Brown is providing counseling services, case management and crisis intervention at the Domestic Violence Center for Howard County, MD. She has been there since July 1995 and hopes to continue working in the field of human services.

Charles Bucknor has completed his first year of law school at the University of Richmond's T.C. Williams School of Law. He has been accepted into the MBA program at The Richard S. Reynolds Corporate School. He is currently on track to receive both his J.D. and M.B.A. in the spring of 1998. During the summer he studied at the Universidad San Pablo-Centrode Estudios Universitarios in Madrid, Spain, through a program sponsored by the William & Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law.

Greg Miller, an operations manager for Federal Container Corp. in Houston, TX, is engaged to Kouri Coleman '96. They are planning a late September wedding.

Keith Morgan is living in Washington, DC, and is working in production at Pepsi-Cola of Cheverly, MD. He completed one year of service in May 1996.

'96 Christy Belliveau is a nursing student at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing in Baltimore, MD, where she hopes to complete her BS degree in

In Memoriam

Hazel H. Goldstein, a lawyer in Calvert County, MD, and the wife of Louis L. Goldstein '35, Comptroller for the State of Maryland and Chairman of Washington College's Board of Visitors and Governors, died of cardiac arrest on April 20, 1996. She was 79. Mrs. Goldstein was the subject of numerous stories recounted by Mr. Goldstein. He was devoted to her as his "sweetheart, best friend, law partner and business partner." They were married for nearly 49 years. During her husband's early years in politics, Mrs. Goldstein often campaigned with him. She was active in Democratic affairs as a member of the Calvert County Women's Democratic Club and maintained a law practice until retiring in 1980. In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son and two daughters.

James N. Nelson, Washington College Trustee Emeritus, died of Lou Gehrig's disease at his Queenstown, MD, home on June 11, 1996. He was 69. Nelson was the retired former president and director of Wye Institute and executive vice president of The Aspen Institute on Maryland's Eastern Shore. At Wye Institute he administrated many grants to local organizations and institutions and directed sustaining projects at the Institute's headquarters property near Queenstown in Agricultural and Natural Resources Research in cooperation with the University of Maryland, and in summer education for able students with the support of Eastern Shore boards of education. He served Washington College as a member of the Board of Visitors and Governors for ten years and continued to support and advise the College until his death. Washington College awarded Mr. Nelson an honorary Doctor of Letters degree in 1992. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Patsy Sterling Nelson, three sons, and four grandchildren.

George Stook, a former faculty member in business and economics, passed away on July 8, 1996 after a long struggle with cancer. He taught at Washington College between 1990 and 1995. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie, and his two sons, George, Jr. who is a sophomore at Washington & Lee University, and Nick, a high school senior.

Emily Jewell Webb '33 died on January 1, 1996 at her home in Texas, following a long illness. She was 84. Born in Kent County, MD, she moved to Houston with her husband, C. Harper Webb, in 1949. After graduating from Washington College, she obtained an MLS degree from Drexel University and worked in academic, public and school libraries. The majority of her professional career was spent at Oak Forest Elementary School, where she was librarian from 1957 until her retirement in 1978. She is survived by her daughter, Carol Lynn Webb; her son, Charles H. Webb; two sisters, Ermyn Heck '24 and Carolyn Strangmann '36; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ella Barkley Brandt '35 died on May 6, 1996 at her home in McSherrystown, PA. She was a former resident of Cambridge, MD and was a teacher in the Dorchester County Schools. She taught at Cambridge Senior High School where she was also the guidance counselor and leader for the National Honor Society Chapter. She was a member of the Maryland State Teachers Association and a member of the Retired Officers Wives Club of Central Florida. She is survived by a son and three grandchildren.

Robert Lee Clark Jr. '40 died May 5, 1996 in Chestertown. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. He then was assigned as a captain in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, DC. He was discharged in 1970 after 29 years of service. For his service during World War II, Clark was awarded a Joint Service Commendation Medal, an Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, an American Campaign Medal and a Legion of Merit. He returned to Chestertown in 1990 and became a member of the Frank M. Jarman American Legion Post No. 36. He is survived by a brother, sister and several nieces and nephews.

Clara Dudley Griffin '41 died during the fall of 1995.

Marian Thomas Gildersleeve '42 died at age 75 on April 12, 1996. She was a member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Chestertown, where she had served as a layleader, chalicer and choir member. She also was secretary-treasurer and past president of the Women of Emmanuel, a member and past president of the Altar Guild, head of the docents and a delegate to the Diocesan Convention. Her volunteer activities included serving as secretary of the Kent & Queen Anne's Hospital Auxiliary Christmas Shop and secretary of the Kent County Chapter of the American Cancer Society. She is survived by two sons; two brothers, Elmer C. "Tom" Thomas Jr. '47 and William "Bill" C. Thomas '59; a sister and five grandchildren.

Harold O. Martin '43 died on November 27, 1995 of pancreatic cancer. In his last year, Fr. Martin observed his Golden Jubilee, 50th anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood, celebrated his 75th birthday and in October observed his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife Marge. Several weeks before his death, he served as guest Celebrant and Preacher at St. Pierre's Episcopal Church in Gautier, MS, where he served as Vicar from 1988 to 1994 and was a guiding force in the church's rebirth and relocation. At Washington College, Fr. Martin was loved in his fraternity, Kappa Alpha. Martin also enjoyed his 50th Reunion in 1993.

Joyce E. Poetzl '60 died on June 8, 1996 of cancer. She lived in Alexandria, VA. She worked for many years at the McDonnell Douglas Foundation.

nursing in 1997. Christy is also a clinical nurse intern at Johns Hopkins Neurological Critical Care Unit.

Kouri Coleman is an engineer with Barrios Technology, a NASA subcontractor in Houston, TX. She is in training for the job of electrical power systems flight controller of the space shuttle and will be working at the new Mission Control at the Johnson Space Center. She is engaged to be married to Greg Miller '95 in late September.

Erica Estep is pursuing a master's degree in student personnel administration at Ohio State University.

Elizabeth Likens is Meetings Assistant at Treasury Management Association in Bethesda, MD. She, along with Amy Tingle, has volunteered to be 1st Year Reunion Co-chair for the May 1997 Reunion. Amy is a marketing associate for Eagle Publishing in Washington, DC.

Shawn McMahon is working at MBNA America. He is attending the University of Delaware in the fall, in pursuit of his MBA/MA in economics.

Andrew Neville is working for BSC Banking Services Corporation America in Baltimore, MD.

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A Call That "Rings Twice"

by Tomas Linn

Last spring, as a journalist visiting the United States through the Humphrey Fellows program at the University of Maryland, I was invited to talk about Uruguay and its press to a group of college students at Washington College. I was to give my lecture in the O'Neill Literary House, a Victorian home used for campus literary activities. A poster made in an old-fashioned print shop where each lead type is individually handset announces a series of lectures for students interested in journalism. My lecture is included in that list, as well as one of an Algerian colleague, one of a Pulitzer Prize winning author, and one by former U. S. Senator Gary Hart, who became famous in the 1980s when, seeking presidential election, he challenged the press to uncover evidence of the "secret affair" that he denied having . . . and the press did find it! I asked for a copy of the poster to keep as a trophy, not only because my name appeared together with other names of alleged fame, but for other reasons I will immediately explain.

I enjoyed the comfortable atmosphere of the Literary House, the printing room with its old-fashioned lettercases and hand presses, still being used to remind students that word in print survives and keeps its strength, and the walls full of books and posters. But what was most interesting of all was that, at this college far removed from my homeland, I discovered a personal link to an old family legend.

Uruguayans, as is commonly said, "descend from ships." A good many of us came down from Italy, Spain, and other European nations. A part of my family, for instance, is of Irish origin and got to Uruguay through what I call an immigration in "L": that is, one generation left Ireland for the United States, and the following generation, my grandparents, sought adventure down South. As I grew up, my family told me many stories and legends of those who lived so far away.

That is how I knew that an uncle of my grandfather had been president of a university on the East Coast of the United States. When I arrived at the University of Maryland, I made the surprising discovery that he had presided over Washington College in Chestertown, where I was to give my lecture! Many Uruguayans have returned to the European villages where their parents or grandparents were born. They visit them with deep and legitimate reverence. But I never had such a chance, and in some way, this "return" has made me feel something similar to what others have told me about their wandering in Galicia or the Basque Country in Spain, or Calabria in Italy.

This relative was James W. Cain, president of Washington College from 1903 until 1918. The Gymnasium, a building of a more recent period, took his name; in its entrance hall hangs his picture. Part of the brick sidewalk that leads from what used to be his house to the town proper is still mantained. What is more, it was built because his son — always aware of the scarce fun in town — was fed up with walking through the mud, and he himself helped to build it. As time went by, the son became more famous than the father. James M. Cain worked in journalism for a time and then became one of the well-known novelists of American crime literature. Some of his books were taken to the screen decades ago, and a recent remake was made of his most famous one, *The Postman Always Rings Twice.*

According to family legend, this College President was interested in helping with the education of his nephew, an orphan who had been brought up by other relatives. But the adventurous spirit of this nephew made it somewhat difficult to get him to college. It was that restless spirit that took him to Montevideo where, in his own way, he finally settled.

To see these places, to hear stories about the real existence of a person who was linked to family legends, to see how this college still remembers him with veneration: all had a strong impact on me. In a town totally unknown to me, in a small and ancient college I never even dreamt I would visit, I had that feeling that so many people speak of: the call of family blood. Or to express it better by using the name of a well-known novel — never so adequately used: a call that "rings twice."

Tomas Linn is a journalist in Uruguay. A version of this article appeared (in Spanish) in Montevideo's news weekly Busqueda *on March 29, 1996.*

College Events

September 5

Fall Convocation, Tawes Theater, 7:30 p.m.

September 7

Kent and Queen Anne's Alumni Chapter Flea Market. Campus Lawn, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

September 14

Leather bookbinding workshop with Tony Haverstick, sponsored by Friends of Miller Library. Sophie Kerr Room, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. For reservations call 410-778-7292.

September 18

National Capital Area Alumni Chapter Happy Hour at Pizzeria Uno & Bar, 3501 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

September 21

Alumni Council Meeting and Retreat

Chestertown Candlelight Tour, with stops at two historic homes owned by the College, Hynson-Ringgold House and the Customs House. 5 - 10 p.m. Tickets available from the Kent County Historical Society. For more information call 410-778-3499.

September 26, 27, 28

American pre-premiere of new play by Israel Horowitz

September 28

Cloth bookbinding workshop with Sydney Roby, sponsored by Friends of Miller Library. Sophie Kerr Room, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. For reservations call 410-778-7292.

October 4

Washington College Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament, Chester River Yacht & Country Club. Call the Alumni Office for more information at 1-800-422-1782, ext. 7812.

Meeting of the Visiting Committee

October 5

Annual Alumni Baseball Game, 10:00 a.m. Annual Lacrosse Alumni game, 11:30 a.m.
Washington College Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony. Call the Alumni Office for more information at 1-800-422-1782, ext. 7812.

Meeting of the Visiting Committee

October 7

Concert Series: Nanette Kaplan Solomon, Tawes Theater, 8 p.m.

October 19

Head of the Charles Team Dinner/ Alumni Reception at the Brew Moon in Boston, MA. Hosted by Amy d'Ablemont '85, President of the Boston Alumni Chapter, and Dan Feiner '89, owner of the Brew Moon. For more information, call the Alumni Office at 1-800-422-1782, ext. 7812.

October 25-26

Parents Weekend

November 1 & 2

Kappa Alpha Reunion. Call the Alumni Office for more information at 1-800-422-1782, ext. 7812.

November 3

The music of "Clara Schumann & Friends," Tawes Theater, 4 p.m.

November 10

Concert Series: Paramount Brass, Tawes Theater, 4 p.m. Tickets available at the door.

November 13

Baltimore Alumni Chapter Bull Roast. Call the Alumni Office for more information at 1-800-422-1782, ext. 7812.

November 20

Student Recital, Norman James Theater, 8 p.m.

November 24

Jazz Band Concert, Norman James Theater, 4 p.m.

December 6-7

Renaissance Christmas Feast, Hynson Lounge, 7 p.m. For tickets call 410-778-7875.

December 8

Washington College Community Chorus Concert, Tawes Theater, 4 pm.

December 13

Kent and Queen Anne's Alumni Chapter Christmas Party

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John R. Parker '55

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Profession: Innkeeper, The Parker House Bed & Breakfast

Giving Level: The 1782 Society, Founders Club

Profile: Since coming to Chestertown four years ago, John has been active in community and college affairs. He has lectured locally on writers, including his Main Man, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and on his love of books. He serves on the President's Circle, is a Decade Representative on the Alumni Council, vice president of the Friends of Miller Library, and local coordinator of the Friends of the Literary House. He and his wife, Marcy, have co-chaired the college's Community Campaign for the last three years. John describes his life since graduation as "episodic." He's been a Washington journalist and an advertising executive with Reader's Digest and N.Y. Daily News. He has written three books.

Best College Memory: "There are many special ones. A highlight, certainly, was being elected by my teammates to be he co-captain of the 1955 lacrosse team."

Why I Give: "Marcy and I do what we can, out of love for the college and what it means to so many. Should I be blessed with a fortune, they'd be breaking ground for a beautiful omni-denominational chapel. For now, when money is given, I recall what playwright Charles MacArthur said upon meeting his future wife, Helen Hayes. Offering her a bag of peanuts, he said, 'I wish they were emeralds.'"

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